

# SCHOOL BOARD MEETING PROPOSAL REPORT

**Title:** Enhancing Communication and Engagement Among Parents, Teachers, and Students

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## 1. Summary

Effective communication among parents, teachers, and students is essential for fostering engagement and strengthening the school community. During our recent strategic planning workshop, this was identified as a key area of opportunity. A tool currently used in LaHO has demonstrated success in addressing this challenge. This proposal aims to explore and spotlight tools and strategies that can help bridge communication gaps and actively involve families in a more intentional and meaningful way. The superintendent has requested through Lora that the presentation take no more than 7 minutes, so this would be a rapid demonstration with the hopes that active attempts at bridging the school with families could be done in very modern and friendly ways, if attempted.

## 2. Background/Introduction

The saying "*It takes a village*" is especially relevant in education. When families are engaged and informed, student success improves. However, communication barriers can hinder this engagement. Heather mentioned a tool used in LaHO that has effectively addressed these concerns, making it a valuable resource to consider.

## 3. Proposal Details

### Description of the Proposal

This proposal seeks to evaluate and implement communication tools that:

- Provide clear, accessible, and timely communication between teachers, parents, and students.
- Encourage family engagement beyond just receiving updates, fostering true partnership.
- Utilize proven strategies to keep parents informed and involved in school activities and student progress.

## **Goals and Objectives**

- Strengthen relationships between families and educators.
- Increase transparency in academic progress, school events, and student needs.
- Offer structured ways for parents to contribute meaningfully to their child's education.

## **4. Educational and Community Impact**

- Improved parent-teacher-student communication leading to better academic and social outcomes.
- Enhanced family involvement in school decision-making and student learning.
- Creation of a more connected and supportive school environment.

## **5. Recommendations**

- The board could approve a formal review and demonstration of LaHO's communication tool.
- If deemed suitable, a pilot program could be implemented in select classrooms.

## **6. Conclusion**

Enhancing communication is key to building a strong school community. By leveraging tools and strategies that have already shown success elsewhere, we can create more intentional and effective engagement between families and the school. I urge the board to approve an initial review and discussion of this approach as the first step toward stronger parent-teacher-student partnerships.