

## **Comprehensive Needs Assessment – Family and Community Involvement**

Parent and community involvement is a vital factor to the success of Aledo ISD. There are numerous opportunities for parents and community members to become active participants: Community Partners “Connection” Mentoring Program, East Parker County Chamber of Commerce, Parent Volunteer Program, National Night Out, Texas Scholars, Runners’ Club, Cowtown Marathon, Grandparents’ Day, Watch D.O.G.S., Kindergarten Roundup, Curriculum Nights/Open House, Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), Camp Hope, Veteran’s Day Program, AHS Career Fair, AHS College Fair, Jumping Jamboree, Junior Achievement, Reading Day, Turkey Trot, TOTS program, Heritage Day, Herdwise (district wide), Aledo Educational Foundation, field trips, Aledo Athletic Booster Club, and the Lions Club.

A variety of opportunities exists for parent/community involvement in decision making through the District Wide Effectiveness Improvement Council (DWEIC), Campus Performance Objective Council (CPOC), Campus Leadership Teams, Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC), Aledo ISD Technology Committee, and the Citizens Committee regarding bond elections.

Aledo ISD uses multiple formats to communicate district and campus information to parents: Superintendent Community Night meetings, Superintendent Brown Bag lunch meetings, corresponding notes home via: students, mail, ParentLink, AlertNow messages, postings on campus marquees, email, district website, campus newsletters, Parent Portal (grades and attendance), School Fusion (content management system for parents, students and teachers), Remind 101, Aledo ISD App, district Twitter, and campus Facebook pages.

An annual campus and district survey is distributed to all parents; the feedback is reviewed and disseminated to campus principals for consideration in campus improvement plans.

The district benefits from a close working relationship with community organizations like Community Partners, including AdvoCats and the Center of Hope. Service projects, such as food and clothing drives, are conducted throughout the year at campuses to support these organizations as they actively serve the needs of families in our community. Local churches have implemented the Snack Pack Program for schools with Kindergarten through Grade 6 and provided mentorship opportunities as well as support for district employees.

The following is a partial listing of community/service organizations that use district facilities: Aledo Lions Club Youth football & basketball, Aledo Youth Football and Cheer Association, Westside YMCA, Campfire USA, Deer Creek Community, City of Annetta Community, Cub Scout Pack, TAV Club Volleyball, Aledo Lady’s Tennis League, Aledo Athletics Inc., Christ Chapel Bible Church, Boy Scouts of America, Ride for Heroes, Aledo Advocats, Bearcat Bootcamp, TxDOT, and Aledo Fire Department.

### **Strengths:**

- Parents actively involved in their child’s education
- Parent participation in specialized committees
- Community business partners actively support missions of the district
- Aledo ISD employees volunteer regularly with summer enrichment programs throughout the community
- Extra-curricular programs in which parents and employees work together to enhance students involvement

Needs:

- Improve parental involvement for our Hispanic and Economically Disadvantaged student groups
- Increase response rate to annual Parent Climate survey (15.76% response rate in 2013-2014 school year, up from 15.14% in 2012-2013)