

"Partnering for Success" School- Community Collaborative

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Developing comprehensive programs of partnerships

- Joyce Epstein (1995) identified six types of involvement:
 - Type one-parenting activities
 - Increased growth in activities and increase in participation of parents in DISD parenting classes
 - Type two-communicating
 - Discussion from team of eight training
 - Examples of [DISD communication](#)
 - type three-volunteering
 - Volunteer hours reported annually by Sharon Cox office
 - PTA, PTSA, Grandparents, DPSF, etc

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- Joyce Epstein (1995) continued:
 - type four-learning at home
 - Area of Focus for committee
 - type five-decision making
 - Campus and District Planning Teams
 - Other campus and district advisory committees
 - type six-collaborating with the community
 - Bond Progress Committee, Bond Oversight, Campus Adopters
 - Others...

Taking Partnerships a Step Further

- “Partnering for Success” School-Community Collaborative
 - Early indicators of student struggles; academic, social, emotional, environmental.
 - Community partnerships designed to contribute to student success.
 - Challenges schools face: economic barriers, language barriers, apathy, etc.
 - Examples of partnerships and initiatives across the country:
 - Once upon a school...
 - [VIDEO](#)
 - WEBSITE: www.onceuponaschool.org

Purpose of the Committee

- Involve community stakeholders in a collaborative effort to increase the academic performance of DISD students
- Utilize board recommended committee members, DISD faculty and staff, local clergy, chamber of commerce, etc. to make a difference in the success of DISD students
- Establish a charge (some work completed here already)
- Provide the DISD Board of Trustees with quarterly updates as to the progress and success rate of the process.

Discussion

Communication

Communication with parents, students, and each other leads to increases in student achievement

- PA Announcement
- Weekly Folders
- Newsletter
- Letters
- Conferences
- Phone Messenger
- email
- Video announcements
- Parent Connection
- BLOGs
- Podcasting
- Video Podcasting
- RSS Feeds
- Other...