Office of Program Evaluation

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS 2009 Parent Involvement in M-DCPS

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Miami-Dade County Public Schools 2009-14 Strategic Planning Framework

Preparing for Success in the Third Millennium

Each student succeeds academically, personally, and civically as measured by:

- 1. Demonstrating age/grade level appropriate knowledge mastery;
- 2. Having a post-secondary plan;
- 3. Graduating;
- 4. Successfully entering the workforce and/or higher education arena.

The Four Pillars for Student Achievement in M-DCPS

Student, Parent and Community Engagement

This pillar supports activities and functions which enhance student, parent, and community understanding, awareness, and support for our schools and District.

Financial Efficiency/Stability

This pillar supports activities and functions that ensure effective and ethical business operations, sound stewardship of resources, and responsible budget management.

Education

This pillar supports activities and functions leading to an educational experience that fosters individual excellence in a collaborative environment leading to responsible citizenship, global awareness, and lifelong learning.

Student Achievement:

Preparing for Success in the Third Millennium

School/District Leadership

This pillar supports activities and functions which enhance talent recruitment and management, leadership development and effective and ethical governance.

Student, Parent, and Community Engagement



MDCPS: Strategic Plan

One Goal: Student Achievement

M-DCPS Strategic Framework

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Student
Achievement:
An Education for the Third
Millennium

Stakeholders (Parents) Input

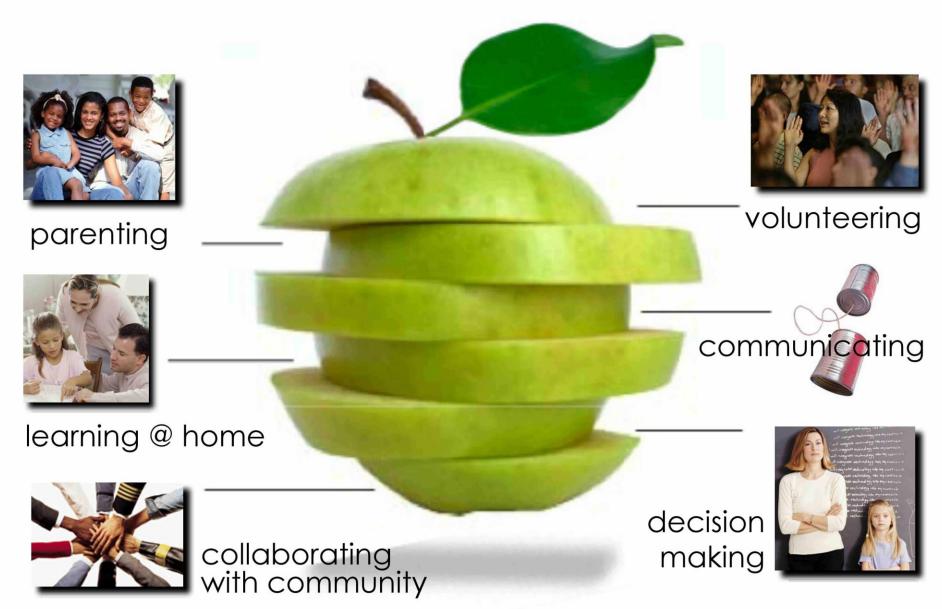
The purpose of these focus groupsessions is to:



What is parental Involvement?

The No Child Left Behind law defines parental involvement as, "the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities including assisting their child's learning, being actively involved in their child's education at school, serving as full partners in their child's educations and being included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child".

The Six Slices of Parental Involvement™



GOAL: Recruit and organize parent help and support

 What is your
 UNDERSTANDING of VOLUNTEERING?





Slice 1 VOLUNTEERING



GOAL: Recruit and organize parent help and support

What WORKED in the area of VOLUNTEERING?







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1. What DID NOT WORK in the area of VOLUNTEERING?



Slice 1 VOLUNTEERING



GOAL: Recruit and organize parent help and support

1. What do you SUGGEST/RECOMMEND in the area of VOLUNTEERING?



Slice 1
VOLUNTEERING



GOAL: Help all families establish home environments to support children as students.

What is your UNDERSTANDING of PARENTING?





Slice 2
PARENTING



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What WORKED in the area of PARENTING?





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1. What DID NOT WORK in the area of PARENTING?









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1. What do you SUGGEST/RECOMMEND ?





Slice 2
PARENTING



GOAL: Design more effective forms of school-to-home and home-to-school communications with all families each year about school programs and their children's progress.

What is your UNDERSTANDING of COMMUNICATING?





Slice 3
COMMUNICATING



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What WORKED in the area of COMMUNICATING?



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What DID NOT WORK in the area of COMMUNICATING?









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What do you SUGGEST/RECOMMEND ?









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What is your UNDERSTANDING of LEARNING AT HOME?







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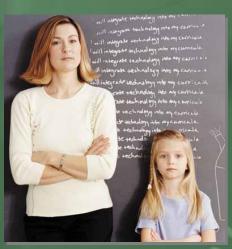






GOAL: Include parents in school decisions, developing parent leaders and representatives.

What is your UNDERSTANDING of DECISION MAKING?











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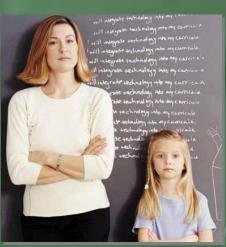
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DECISION MAKING

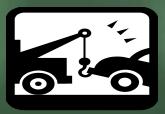




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What DID NOT WORK in the area of DECISION MAKING?





Slice 5
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What do you SUGGEST/RECOMMEND ?



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Slice 5
DECISION MAKING



GOAL: Identify and integrate resources and services from the community to strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning.

What is your UNDERSTANDING of COLLABORATING WITH THE COMMUNITY?



Slice 6
COLLABORATING WITH
COMMUNITY





GOAL: Identify and integrate resources and services from the community to strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning.

What WORKED in the area of COLLABORATING WITH COMMUNITY?





Slice 6
COLLABORATING WITH
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What DID NOT WORK
in the area of COLLABORATING
WITH COMMUNITY?



Slice 6
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What do you SUGGEST/RECOMMEND ?



Slice 6
COLLABORATING WITH COMMUNITY





THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION