



Strong family-school partnerships help students thrive

A research-based way to understand and strengthen caregivers' experiences with schools

Why family-school partnerships matter

As partners in education, families and schools share a common goal: ensuring every child develops the skills, confidence, and well-being needed to thrive. Research consistently shows that strong, positive family-school relationships play a critical role in students' academic success, social development, and emotional well-being.

When families and schools work together, students benefit from higher achievement, stronger engagement, improved well-being, and a more inclusive school climate.

To build and sustain these partnerships, schools need meaningful insight into caregivers' experiences, perceptions, and opportunities for engagement.

The OurSCHOOL | Tell Them From Me Parent & Caregiver Survey

To support effective family and school partnerships, it is essential to understand how caregivers experience their child's school environment and how supported they feel in contributing to their child's learning.

The Parent and Caregiver Survey provides schools and systems with a comprehensive, research-based view of family engagement, communication, and inclusivity. The framework is grounded in research on family engagement and aligns with Joyce Epstein's Framework of Six Types of Involvement. Measures were designed to be reliable, meaningful, and tractable, producing actionable data on factors that schools and systems can influence.

WHAT WE MEASURE

- ✓ Welcoming School
- ✓ Informed Caregivers
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Encouragement at Home
- ✓ Active Learning Support at Home
- ✓ School Supports Learning
- ✓ Safe School
- ✓ Inclusive School
- ✓ Caregiver Participation
- ✓ Community Involvement
- ✓ School AI Usage

The Parent & Caregiver survey will allow users to:

- Identify barriers to caregiver participation and engagement.
- Understand how welcomed, informed, included, and connected caregivers feel.
- Use caregiver feedback to strengthen planning, supports, and partnerships.

From caregiver voice to strong partnerships

Strong family-school partnerships begin with listening. The Parent & Caregiver Survey provides a research-based way to understand caregivers' experiences and identify opportunities to strengthen communication, engagement, and belonging.

Available in 17 languages, the survey helps schools listen, learn, and grow alongside the communities they serve.

