



TIME FOR A CHECK UP!



A discussion guide for local family and community engagement

How local school districts and schools approach families and the community matters. Building relationships takes time and the growing diversity of our communities makes it even more important. If local engagement policies are on the books, but not supported or implemented in earnest, our students pay a price.

As you invite local families and the community to talk about your school, take time with your colleagues to discuss the following questions. Your answers may shed additional light on how families and communities are feeling and help you prepare for your conversations with them.

Check Up Questions	Yes	No	Comments and Next Steps
1. Has your local school district adopted formal policies that promote family involvement and emphasize engaging families that represent the diversity of the student population?			
2. Are educators provided the time to work with families and develop systems for making outreach to families a priority?			
3. Are immigrant families supported in understanding how schools work and is information available to them in a language that further helps them understand what schools expect from them?			
4. Are families included as participants in school decisions, governance, and advocacy through PTA/PTO, school councils, committees, and other parent organizations?			
5. Are community resources aligned so that services for families, students, and schools provide a connection to businesses, local agencies, and faith and non-profit groups?			

