

VIDEO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Partnering with Parents: Maximizing the Possibilities

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Watch the video individually or with a team. As you watch, consider how parents are currently engaged in your school.

AFTER WATCHING THE VIDEO, DISCUSS AND ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

- What is the current state of parent engagement at your school compared to the ideal Dr. Fullan describes?
- How is parent engagement affected by the collaborative culture, professional competence, and confidence of your teachers?
- How does high-leverage involvement as described by Dr. Fullan (e.g., discussing expectations for school success with parents) represent a shift from traditional thinking?
- What are the links between staff, families, and students?
- What high-leverage opportunities do you have to increase parent engagement? (List three or four.)

NOW, PUT WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED TO WORK:

- From your responses to the questions above, identify an aspect of parent engagement to improve. Some you might consider are:
 - Build teachers' effectiveness in parent engagement.
 - Build coalitions with parents by tapping into their aspirations for their children.
 - Select a tenacious community problem and select one or two high-leverage actions to address it.
- Develop a specific plan and determine the data you will collect as evidence of implementation.