PARENT/GUARDIAN INVOLVEMENT

The Board of Education recognizes that a student's education is a responsibility shared by the school and family during the entire period the student attends school. Over the years, research has proven that there is a direct relationship between parent involvement and student achievement. To support the goal of the school district to help all students succeed, schools and parents must work together as active partners.

Although parents are diverse in culture, language, and needs, they share the schools' commitment to the educational success of their student. Rochester Community Schools administration and school staff, in collaboration with parents, shall establish programs and practices that enhance parent involvement and reflect the needs of students and their families.

To this end, the Board of Education supports the ongoing development, implementation and evaluation of parent involvement practices that are based on best practice, and are in alignment with national standards. Parent involvement programs will be implemented at both the District and the school level.

The Superintendent/Designee will establish a regulation to implement this policy which will include, but not be limited to, the following components of successful parent involvement programs adopted by National PTA:

- Communication between home and school/District is regular, two-way, and meaningful
- Responsible parenting is promoted and supported
- Parents play an integral role in assisting student learning
- Parents are welcome in the school/District, and their support and assistance are sought
- Parents are full partners in the decisions that affect students and families

- Community resources are made available to strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning.

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