Family Engagement Leadership Institute

Our community of practice is for equity-minded school principals and district leaders to engage with a network of peers in leading a family engagement strategy that directly impacts student learning and well-being.

Our yearlong cohort begins in September 2022.

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Key Components

- **Virtual Trainings**
  Four half-day group sessions at key points throughout the year

- **Problem of Practice**
  Apply and deepen the learning by building on existing initiatives

- **Ongoing Coaching**
  Differentiated 1-on-1 and small group support provided by expert leaders and cohort peers

- **Cohort Experience**
  Small & whole-group sessions provide support and accountability throughout the year

- **Knowledge-capture**
  Learning is codified through high-quality videos in order to document improvement

Participants can expect to:

- **Understand the evidence** – Learn what research tells us about how effective family engagement improves student outcomes and school culture, as well as the paths taken by exemplary schools and systems

- **Clarify their challenge** – Effective strategies start with an accurate diagnosis of the problem so our work together begins with a root-cause analysis

- **Lead the learning** – Collaborate with a team of families and staff on a problem of practice that ties family engagement to student learning and well-being

- **Embrace equity** – Using the problem of practice, build a strategy that also addresses bias and existing power imbalances between home and school

- **Build systems** – Apply lessons from the year toward creating new and stronger systems that help staff improve their collaborations with families

- **Define their role** – Understand the core competencies of an effective leader for family engagement

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Our national cohort is open to principals and district leaders. We also co-design local institutes with LEAs and SEAs.