

# Family Engagement Advisory Council FEAC

EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

January 31, 2023



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**5:00 – 5:30 – Time to connect**

**5:30 – 6:00 – FEAC description (Edit, Delete, Change)**

**6:00 – 6:25 – Initiative update and feedback opportunity**

**6:25 – 6:30 – Closing**



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## **Family Engagement Advisory Council**

### **Vision**

Families and schools work as partners to ensure each student is prepared to lead and shape the future.

### **Mission**

Families working directly with district and school leadership, bringing the family voice to district and school-level decision-making.

### **Charge**

For the 2022-23 school year, the council is charged with developing, fostering, and sustaining a culture of family engagement across the district and in the schools by:

- Providing the superintendent and staff with strategies around effective family engagement practices and removing barriers to engagement.
- Providing input and feedback on strategic plan initiatives, school district policies, and department strategies and practices.
- Elevating two-way communication to strengthen support for learning at home and at school.



*Strategic  
Initiative  
E.2.b and E.3.a*

**Where we are and  
where we are going...**



# Strategic Initiatives E2b + E3a

## Update

Date: 1/31/2023

Phase 2: 2022-23

Initiative owner: Chris Fulford

Executive sponsor: Peter Scott

Strategic Initiative: E.2.b & E.3.a

2b. Develop and implement culturally responsive outreach programs where schools visit the community and

3a. Embed cultural competence, equity, and accessibility within all community engagement practices

Strategic Objective: E.2 Improve Transparency, consistency, and accessibility of system-wide two-way communication. E.3 Develop an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust based on culturally responsive relationships with families.

Strategic Theme: Community Engagement



# Milestones and timeline

Milestone deliverable or activity	Brief description of work	Expected completion date	On schedule Y/N ?
1. Opening of the Family Resource Center and expanding to a South End Resource Center	The goal was to create a one stop, easily accessible location for parents and caregivers for connecting with a knowledgeable guide to help connect families to support and services within the Everett Public Schools and our local community.	Ongoing	Yes
2. Expansion of the Natural Leaders Program (WABS)	Serves as a multi-cultural bridge between students, families, communities, and schools.	Ongoing	Yes
3. Implementation of the Dental Bus at all Title I schools – Expanding to next highest schools receiving free and reduced lunch (SLE and VRE)	Providing dental services for all students enrolled at our Title I schools. The bus is parked at the school and student leave the classroom and receive dental care on the bus.	Ongoing	Yes



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4. Launch and Implementation of Parenting Classes	Providing a variety of parenting classes aimed at increasing parent-child bonding, self-sufficiency and school engagement. Classes include evidence-based (Incredible Years, Guiding Good Choices) and initiative-based (Cooking Matters)	Ongoing	Yes
5. Two-Way Community Collaboration	Family Engagement Advisory Council (FEAC), Dual Language Advisory Board, Front Door, Improving School Attendance (ISA) Collaborative	Ongoing	Yes





# Celebrations and examples of recent work





# Progress Monitoring

FRC	Natural Leaders	Dental Bus	Parenting Classes
Connected 124 families to services including housing, legal, and health services.	Increasing the Natural Leader program to existing in 100% of our schools. Currently at 80%	To date the dental program has served over 450 students with over 1,0000 sealants placed.	To date 4 parenting classes serving 50 participants
Provided 731 pounds of food from August to January	Tracking events both at the schools and in the community.		1 parent academy - 6 workshops Averaged 8 families per workshop
Supported 138 unaccompanied homeless high school youth with backpacks filled with supplies and gifts for the holiday break.			2 Spring Evidence based 6-week courses – Currently filling rosters.
			Continue to expand and offer evidence-based programming and expanding partners.



# Challenges and Opportunities

- Funding Continues to be a challenge.
  - Covering costs of programs and staffing
- Recruitment and maintaining families involved with programs
  - Some of these barriers are related to costs related to transportation, incentives, and childcare.
- Opportunity for a centralized system for coordinating family and community engagement.



# Summary key takeaways and path forward

What needs to happen next?

- Continue to build capacity of Family Advisory Groups.
- Reach our goal of 100% of school participating in the Natural Leaders Program
- Continue to build parenting programs to impact student learning
- Expanding Parent University to strengthen partnerships and advocacy through cross sectionally of programs
- Remove barriers for families to receive needed services so that students can fully access their education and reach their full potential

Where will we be in this initiative by our next update meeting?

- Under contract with dental provider(s)
- Design of a centralized reporting system for family engagement opportunities and events





# Thank You!

