

## Success For All Foundation, Inc. – Family and Community Engagement

The Success for All Foundation understands that engaging families and the community is an important part of a successful whole-school reform model. To support the involvement of families in the academic lives of their children, a series of school-home connection activities will be created to help parents and family members play an active role in their children's education. Examples of family engagement activities include:

- **SFAF Success Cards:** Success Cards are brightly colored postcards sent to a parent at least twice a year to celebrate their child's success.
- **Positive Home Visits:** Similar to the Success Cards, Positive Home Visits are quarterly activities meant to communicate good news to the parent regarding their child.

To better involve the community in the workings of the school and to draw upon resources from within the community, the SFAF Solutions consultant will assist the solutions coordinator in creating a Community Involvement Team. Members of the Solutions Network in each school will choose to work with the Community Involvement Team, under the guidance of the solutions coordinator and the support of the SFAF Solutions consultant. Before the school year starts, the Community Involvement Team will conduct a Community Needs Survey to determine how the school can best serve the community and vice/versa.

Examples of community engagement activities include:

- **Student Outcome Partnerships:** Research shows that tying business and community partnerships to student outcomes strengthens the commitment between the school and community. Partnerships that involve, for example- businesses- providing coupons and discounts based on attendance or Read and Respond rates will produce the most positive relationships with the school.
- **Conduct Service Providers Summit:** SFAF will conduct events that take advantage of the school's place as a hub of community activity-such a service providers summit-that will allow the Community Connections team an opportunity to assess what services are available to those in need. These meetings are also useful for the service providers to determine which services are being duplicated and which services still need to be provided.

SFAF programs have been used in over 1,800 schools over the past 20 years, improving the achievement of more than two million children. Over 52 studies of the effectiveness of Success for All in increasing student achievement have been conducted by over 30 researchers. Independent reviews of the research on Success for All have consistently found that implementation of Success for All resulted in significant increases in student achievement in a variety of settings. For a detailed Success for All research summary see- [http://www.isbe.net/apl/pdf/ipz/proposals/success\\_for\\_all\\_lead.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/apl/pdf/ipz/proposals/success_for_all_lead.pdf)

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