



**The
Prichard
Committee**

Building a Groundswell
for a Big Bold Future

Parent Advisory Council Presentation 9.8

Guiding Questions:

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*Packaged presentation for KY
Collaborative Council members,
PAC, and other state leadership
teams...*



The best predictor of student success is the extent to which families encourage learning at home and involve themselves in their child's education. Research suggests if schools successfully engage families in education, their children, regardless of ethnic, racial, or socioeconomic background, are more likely to:

- **Earn higher grades or test scores**
- **Be promoted, pass their classes and earn credits**
- **Attend school regularly**
- **Graduate from high school and attend post-secondary education**
- **Have better social skills and classroom behavior**

~A New Wave of Evidence, Henderson & Mapp, 2002

Why is Family Engagement important right now?



- It expands the capacity of schools by providing more helping hands
- When families are at the table, they are more understanding when things don't go as planned
- It sets a strong foundation for remote learning when needed
- We now have the opportunity to re-imagine engagement as relationship building, and not in-person events

“According to a national survey of teachers in the US, engaging families is the number one area where teachers feel least well prepared and represents their greatest challenge.”

MetLife Survey of the American Teacher, 2005



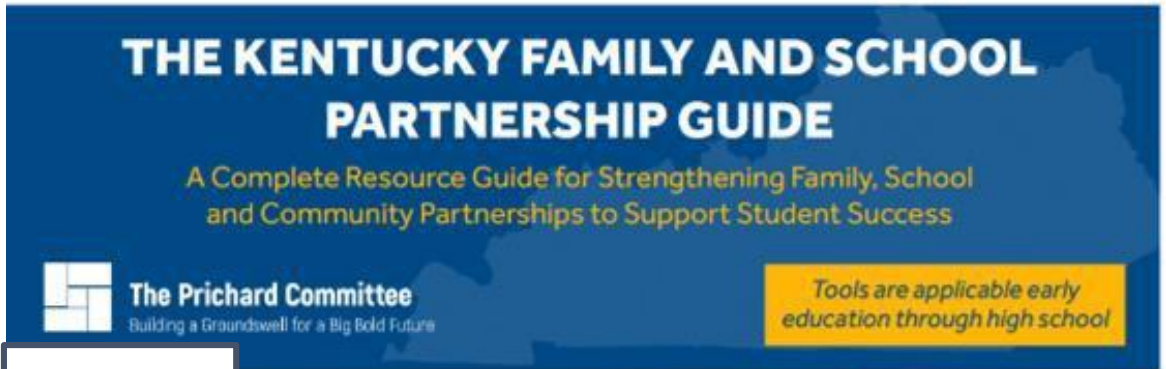
On March 30, 2006, the then Commissioner Gene Wilhoit gave CPAC members this instruction:

“My goal is outstanding practice to involve parents in every school in Kentucky. Your charge is to pull together an agenda for the state and produce a document that builds on what exists and pushes us to a higher level.”

New Family and School Partnership Statewide Resources

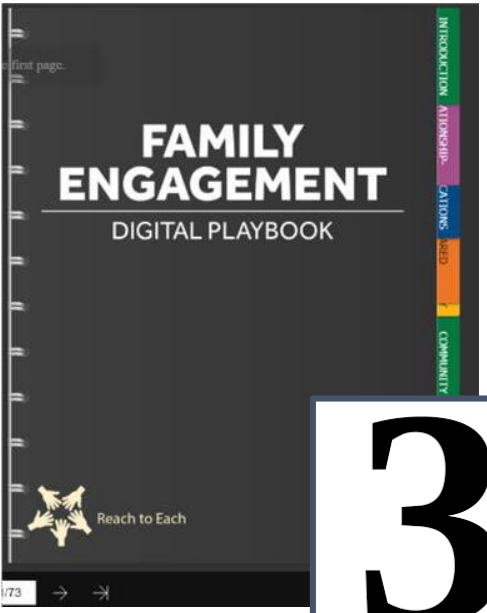
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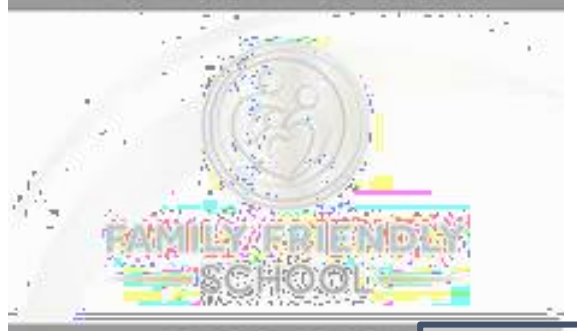
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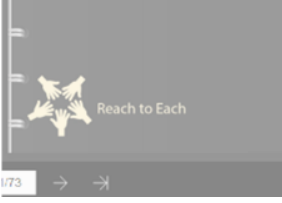
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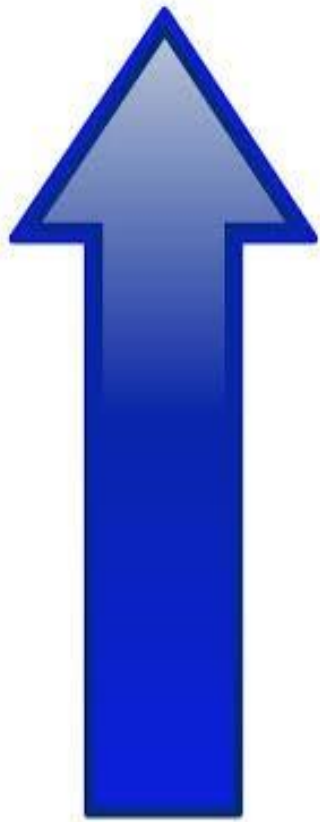


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What are the goals?

Here is what we are tracking and what we want to see increase...



Kindergarten readiness

3rd grade reading proficiency

College or certificate program enrollment

School opportunities for family engagement, leadership & decision-making

Policies and practices that decrease barriers to family engagement

Evidence-based literacy programs

Family capacity to support children's learning at home and in the school

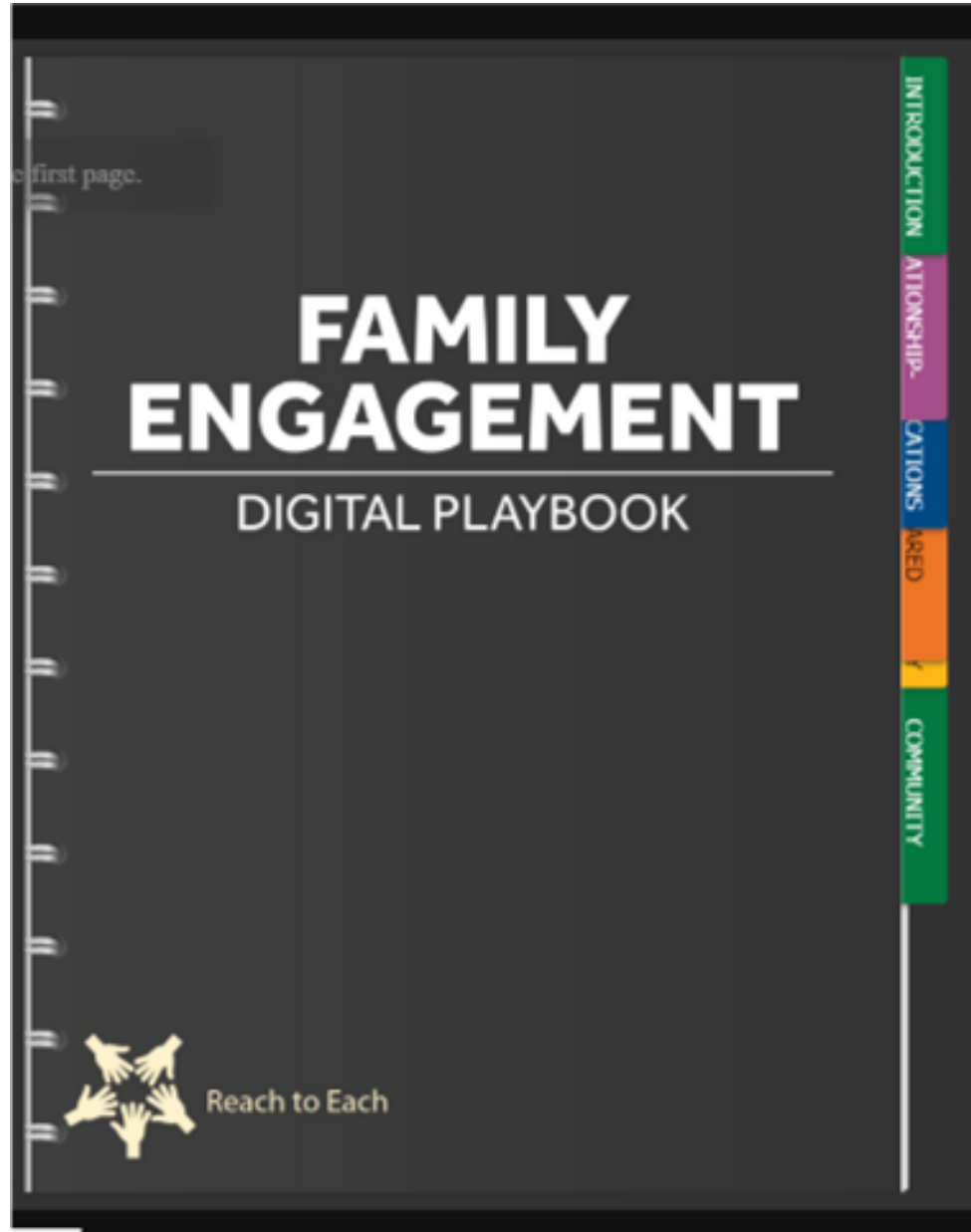
Family knowledge of how to individualize their child's education

Family understanding of school report cards

Educators capacity and motivation to involve families as partners

Statewide and district infrastructure for family engagement

Digital Playbook



Support this work



1. Support our unified approach and intention for Kentucky family engagement efforts

“When we think about improving family engagement we have to go beyond how we improve our family events and newsletters, instead we need to put our time and energy into strategies that help staff get to know families so we can build trusting relationships between families and teachers.” ~KY Collaborative for Families and Schools, 2021

2. Know and support Family Friendly Learning Cohort Schools - May 2021-May 2024

3. Apply and/or support schools to receive Family Friendly School Certificate- Statewide

application windows are March-April 1 2022 and Oct.- Nov. 1 2022 (FFS open now)

4. Sign-up to participate in Family Engagement in Education Week - Nov. 15th-19th

Links Following this Presentation (or in Chatbox)



[Sign-Up for the Kentucky Collaborative for Families and Schools Newsletter - “Connections”](#)

[Sign-Up to receive information about Kentucky Family Engagement in Education Week](#)

[One-Stop-Shop Resource Page - Internal until Nov. 15th](#)

[List of Family Friendly Learning Cohort Schools](#)

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**Parent
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- **Ongoing annual review and suggested updates- Have standing dates on PAC agenda**
- **Explore what other states are doing in terms of family engagement, school accountability, and regulatory policies and report to KY Collaborative A/C annually**
- **Recognize Family Friendly School Certification with congratulations letter (co-signed by TAC?) Nov. and April**
- **Connect Guide contents and assessment to policies and practices within individual member organizations**
- **Content and webinars supplement PAC orientation materials**
- **Help with awareness and skills building of content and resources with KDE staff (What does this look like as a function of PAC?)**