

# School Family Community Partnership Action Teams in Waterbury

*Parents: Help spread the word!*

*Over thirty years of research proves that strong school/family/community partnerships lead to higher expectations, less chronic absenteeism, higher student achievement, higher graduation rates, increased student motivation, and better schools overall.\**

Would you like to make a difference in the lives of many children? We know that all parents want their children to succeed, but children don't come with an instruction manual. The Waterbury School/Family/Community Partnership District Action Team is a volunteer group of parents and school staff that work together to help improve family and community involvement in our schools and to assist our schools in improving student achievement.

Parents, you are an important partner in your child's education. Help spread the word to other families that getting actively involved in our schools is one way we can help improve the education of ALL of Waterbury's children.

The action teams are based on Dr. Joyce Epstein's six keys to parent involvement:

- 1) Parenting - assist families with parenting skills and setting home conditions to support children as students AND assist schools in better understanding families.
- 2) Communicating – conduct effective communications from school-to-home and from home-to-school about school programs and student progress.
- 3) Volunteering – organize volunteers to support the school and students.
- 4) Learning at home – involve families with their children on homework and other curriculum-related activities.
- 5) Decision-making – include families as participants in school decisions and develop parent leaders and representatives.
- 6) Collaborating with the community – coordinate resources and services from the community for families, students and the school and provide services to the community.

*\*A National Education Association Policy Brief notes: "Research and fieldwork show that parent-school partnerships improve schools, strengthen families, build community support, and increase student achievement and success."*

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Yes, I am interested in participating in the district S/F/C Partnership Action Team.

Please return completed form to  
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Or call 203 573-6633 (direct line) or email [nvaughan@waterbury.k12.ct.us](mailto:nvaughan@waterbury.k12.ct.us).

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