# Parent Partners

How can parents and schools improve the education of our children?



### A strong predictor of school success is Parental Involvement

### Students with involved parents

- Earn higher grades and test scores and enroll in higher level programs
- Attend school more regularly
- Have better social skills, show improved behavior and adapt well to school
- Graduate High School and go on to postsecondary education



# Students whose parents are involved in school

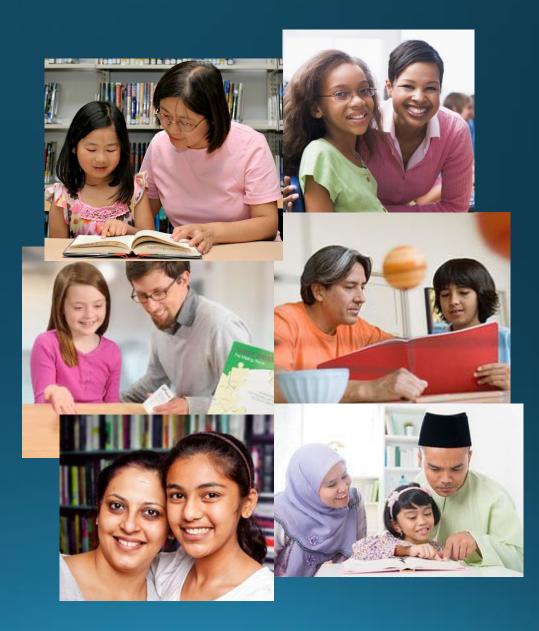
- Are more confident at school
- Take on more responsibilities
- Achieve more



### Family involvement...

Improves student success regardless of:

- Race/ethnicity
- Parent's level of education
- Income level



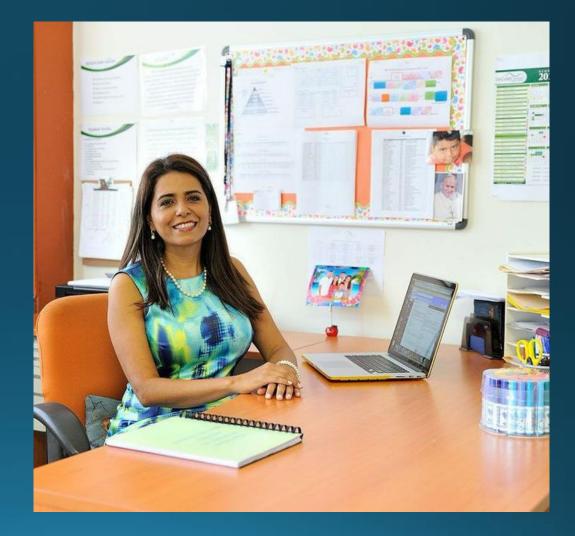
# How do I get involved in my child's school? The Basics: Step 1

- Meet your child's Teacher (do this as early as possible)
  - Find out how the teacher likes to communicate
    - Email, text message, Pupil Path, letters in backpacks
    - Offer all your contact information
    - Offer to share your contact information with others in the school
  - ➢Ask the magic question
    - How can I help? (don't expect an immediate answer)



# How do I get involved in my child's school? The Basics: Step 2

- Meet the Parent Coordinator (do this as early as possible)
  - Find out how she/he likes to communicate with parents
    - Email, text message, Pupil Path, letters in backpacks
    - o Offer all your contact information
    - Offer to share your contact information with others in the school
  - Ask the magic question
    - How can I help? (provide specific information on how you can help)



# How do I get involved in my child's school? The Basics: Step 3

Attend a PTA/SLT meeting (do this as early as possible)

- Find out who is on the executive board of the PTA and who is serving on the SLT
  - Join the mailing list/emailing list
    Offer all your contact information
    Offer to share your contact information with others in the school

Ask the magic question

 How can I help? (provide specific information on how you can help)



- Intermediate: Step 1
- ≻Volunteer
  - Be specific about what you want to do (volunteer for things you like to do that you're good at)
    - I can design flyers
    - I love to cook
    - I have a car and can pick up drop off things
    - I can make phone calls to other parents at night and on weekends
  - Share your availability



Intermediate: Step 2

# Become a Learning Leaders Volunteer www.learningleaders.org/volunteers/



# Learning Leaders

Volunteers Helping Students Succeed

### Advanced: Step 1

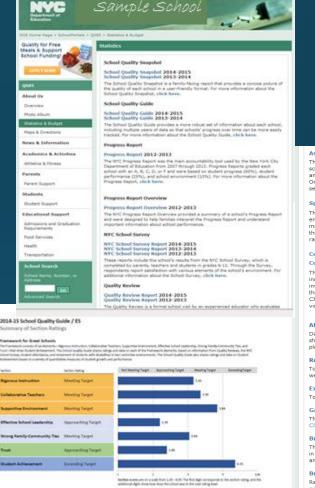
### Look at school data

- Review the schools CEP (comprehensive educational plan)
- Review the school budget

### Speak to the SLT members

□ What best practices/issues do you see at your school?

### Join PTA, SLT, attend Title I meetings, other meetings.



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### Average Class Size

The class size report shows average class sizes at the citywide, borough, district, and school levels. To search for a specific school's class size data broken down by grade and program click on the link above and select the "Detailed School-level Data" report. Once you have the report open, press Ctrl-F and enter the school's name or code in the search field.

### Special Education Service Delivery Report 2011-2012

The SESDR provides information on a number of special education issues, including enrollment, timely special education evaluation, provision of special education services movement of students to "least restrictive environment" (i.e., spending the majority of the school day in general education classes), initial referral rate, and declassification rate.

### Comprehensive Educational Plan 2015-2016

Comprehensive Educational Plan 2014-2015

The comprehensive Educational Plan serves as a school's blueprint for implementing instructional strategies, professional development opportunities, and parent involvement activities that promote continuous school improvement. The Appendices to the CEP provide school-based responses to applicable NCL8/SED requirements and Chancellor's Regulations. To learn more about our schools' Demographics Data, please visit Comprehensive Educational Plan Demographics Data page.

### Attendance

Daily, weekly and year to date attendance percentages report. Note that this report shows school attendance data on a 2 week day lag. For a complete attendance report, please go to Statistical Summaries and click on the "Attendance" tab.

### Register

Total number of current students in attendance with breakdown by gender, ethnicity, as well as Special Education and English Language Learners.

### Expenditure

Total expenditures report by school as well as citywide.

### Galaxy Budget Allocations

This report displays the school's budget allocations as they appear in Galaxy Click here for a detailed explanation of these allocations

### Budget Summary

This report displays a summary of the school's budget (scheduled items) as it appears in Galaxy. The budget is presented by section, with summaries of positions and budget amounts by assignment, subject or grade depending on the section.

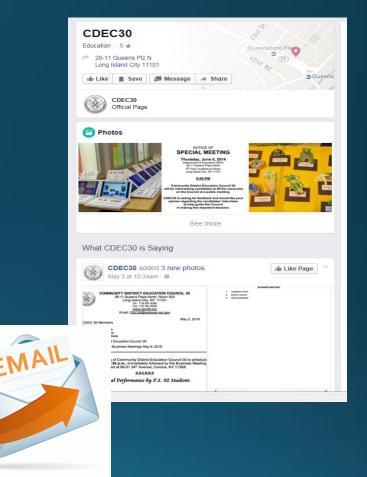
### Building/School Facilities Report

Reports and general information about the conditions of the school building, including accessibility status and department of health reports.

### Statistical Summaries

The Statistical Summaries web site highlights summaries of various important DOE statistics including official enrollment, regional attendance, citywide exam results in reading and math, and employee headcounts. In addition, the site provides links to more detailed attendance and enrollment data.

Advanced: Step 2 Become more involved Join the CEC30 Facebook page Sign-up for CEC emails <u>CEC30@schools.nyc.gov</u>



# How can I get other parents involved?

- Obtain a class contact list
- Appoint a class parent in every classroom
- Hold PTA/SLT Meeting at times parents can attend
- Hold social events so parents can meet each other



**Class List** 

# How can I get other parents involved?

- Today you met other parents
- Were provided with resources
- Your questions were answered
- You are a part of our school community



