## **Engaging Community**

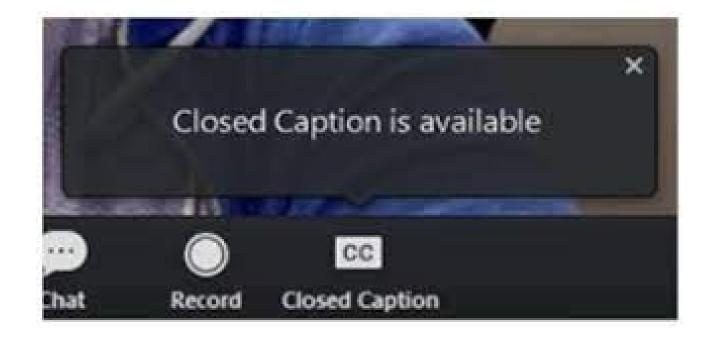
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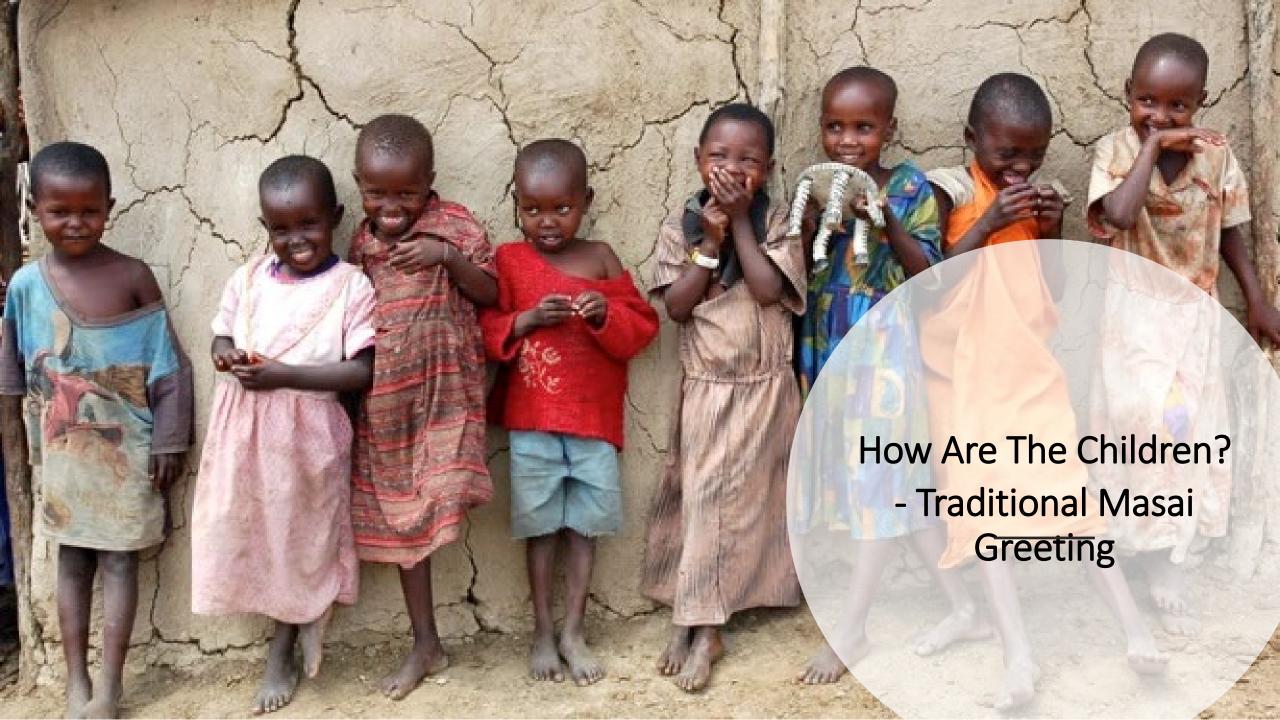
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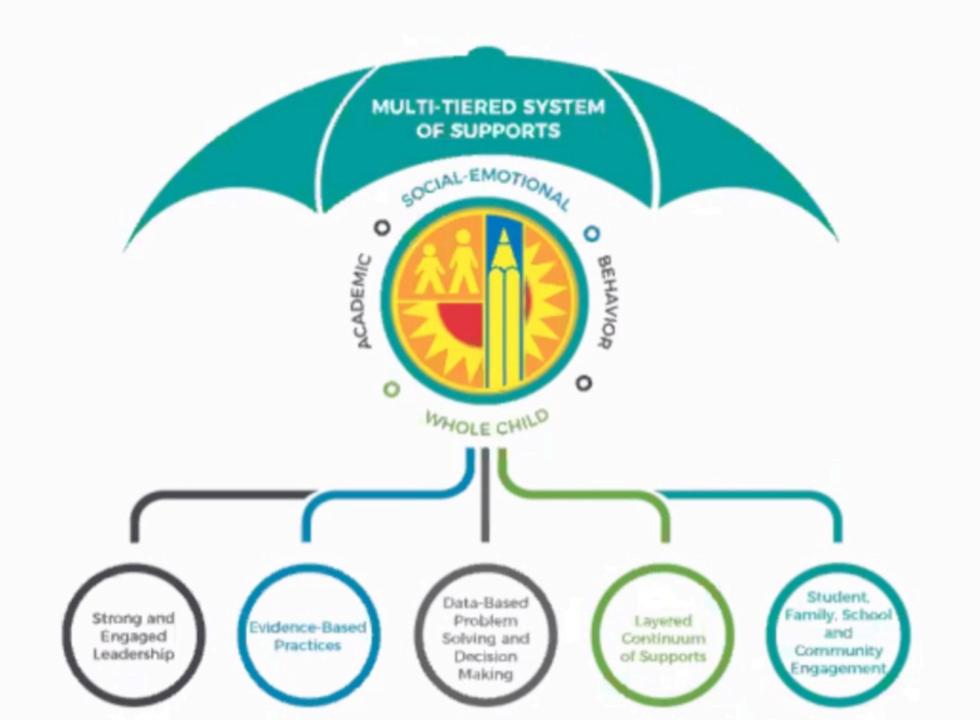


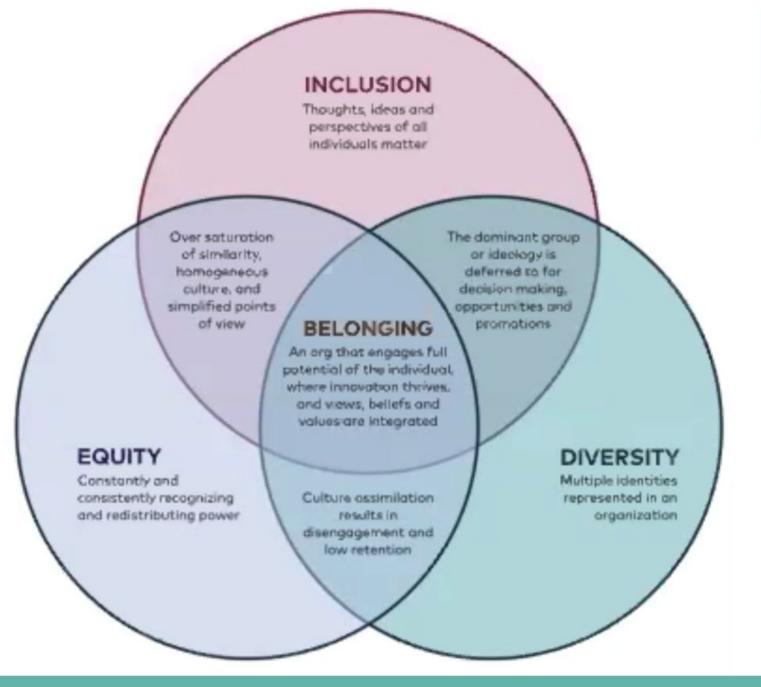
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#### **Barriers to Family and Community Engagement**



(Berg, Melaville, & Blank, 2006; Onikama, Hammond, & Koki, 1998; Wherry, 2010).

- Parents' (and other family members') previous negative experiences or interactions with schools (for example, parents did not do well in school or educators told parents only what they should do without acknowledging what they might already be doing).
- Language and cultural barriers (for example, parents or their representatives believe they should defer to educators and not play an active role in education).
- Limited professional development and training of educators in family and community engagement.
- Educators' own cultural beliefs and attitudes.

## **Strategies for Community Engagement**



- 1. Make engagement a priority and establish an infrastructure
- 2. Communicate proactively in the community
- 3. Listen to the community and respond to its feedback
- 4. Offer meaningful opportunities to participate
- 5. Turn community supporters into leaders and advocates

<sup>-</sup> Strategies for Community Engagement in School Turnaround, The Reform Support Network, 2014.

# Make Engagement a Priority and Establish an Infrastructure



What Have Exemplar Schools and Districts Done?

- Developed mission statements
- Created plans for engagement,
- Organized engagement offices,
- Hired professional staff,
- Established advisory groups



### **Communicate Proactively**

- You have to work to inform the community through several formats, both traditional (letters, emails etc.) and nontraditional (bbqs, picnics, health fairs).
- Offer that communication in the languages your families speak.



### **Listen and Respond to Community Feedback**

- Listen to feedback from parents and the community.
- Actively respond to their questions and concerns.
- Let people know about timelines and processes.
- Hear the lived experiences of your families.
- Community members are more likely to trust the initiative when they see their feedback incorporated into the turnaround work, and changes made as a result

#### Offer Meaningful Opportunities to Participate



- Provide leadership roles
- Offer meaningful ways to INVOLVE parents and community members in school improvement
- Offer training and support as needed for involvement
- Have families and community share expertise
- Go to them, do not just have them come to you
  - Home Visits
  - Community Events
  - Meet and Greets at Parks & Community Centers



#### **Turn Community and Families into Leaders & Advocates**

- By truly hearing the voices of others, informing, inquiring and involving families and community representatives, turnaround we can help create leaders and advocates.
- We have to be able to see the wealth in others and value the diversity of ideas.





## A United Campus

Be Safe Be Respectful Be Responsible



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#### THE RB:ABSPY "CORE TEAM"





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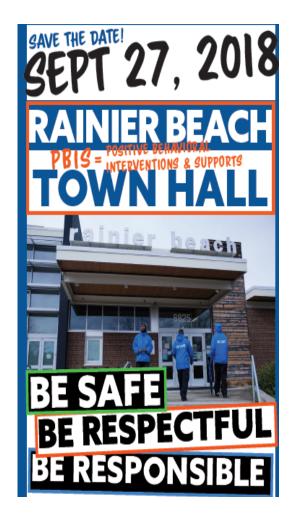








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## Public Safety Deep Dive

ONLINE
Rainier Beach
Public Safety
Meeting

How can we encourage safe, respectful and responsible social norms in Rainier Beach?

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021

2::30PM - 4:30PM Virtual or Phone-In Meeting

Rainier Beach: A Beautiful Safe Place for Youth (ABSPY) invites YOU to

#### Together, we will:

- **MEET** your neighbors with same interest and concerns
- **HEAR** how we're making the neighborhood safer
- **LEARN** how to get involved



This meeting is for people who **LIVE**, **WORK AND PLAY in Rainier Beach CONTACT**: Stew Bowerman | stew@rbactioncoalition.org | 206-595-9921







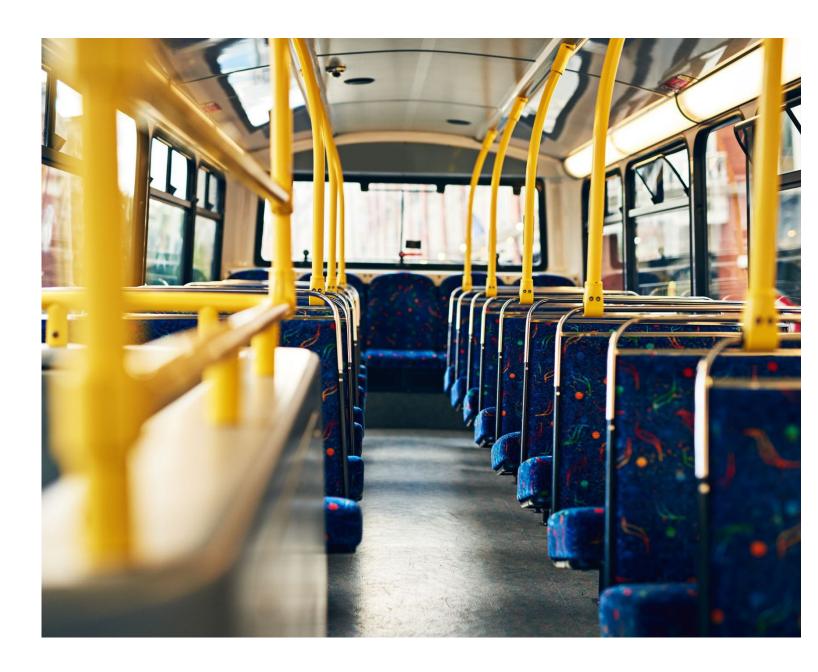
PBIS is improving public safety by encouraging *safe*, *respectful* and *responsible* behavior in Rainier Beach

How do we do it?

Promoting shared values – What do we value?

Promoting & recognizing the good – What's right?

**Building strong relationships** across generations



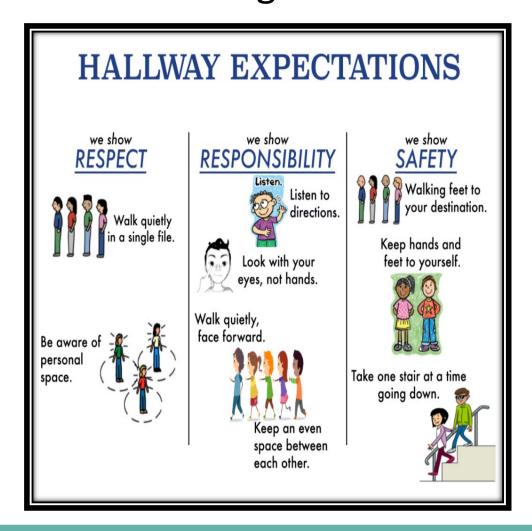
## Creating Consistent Expectations



For Rainier Beach



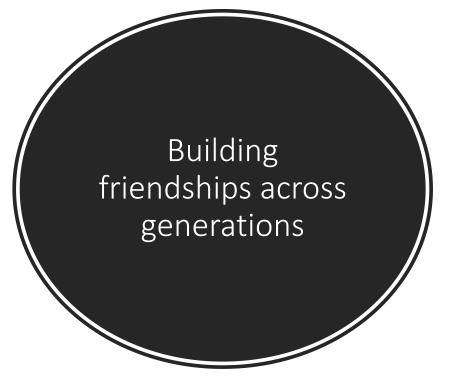
For organizations



## Promoting Positive Relationships









## Seattle Tiered Fidelity Inventory Tier I



#### **Introduction and Purpose:**

This is a guiding document to support school teams in establishing safe, restorative, supportive and welcoming environments that represent and center the voice of students, families and communities, specifically the Black boys and youth we serve. In order to create equitable systems, schools must engage in ongoing trainings that build understanding of institutional racism and examine the impact of current practices on students furthest away from educational justice. It is critical for Tier I teams to identify and respond to cultural collisions as an opportunity to grow, engage, and foster a welcoming environment and dismantle dominant cultural norms. By intentionally partnering with all stakeholders in co-creating schoolwide expectations, the intended outcome is to foster positive relationships, center wellness, acknowledge the brilliance of students, and not to police, indoctrinate, or assimilate students to dominant cultural norms. If we do not individually, collectively and professionally engage in this work, we are complicit for the harms resulting from systemic racism.

## **Teams**

1.1 Team Composition

"Nothing About Us Without Us"

1.2 Team Operating Procedures

"Share the Power."



## "Nothing about us without us."



#### 1.1

Team Composition: Tier I Teams partner with stakeholders and ensure voice and broad representation of all families and communities, students of color, and specifically Black boys and youth. Stakeholders include a Tier 1 team systems facilitator, a school administrator, a family member, student representation/consultation, and individuals able to provide critical perspective and information. These include:

- (a) knowledge of cultural representation of the students and community and historical context
- (b) knowledge of behavior as a form of communication and a response to experiences known and unknown, school environment, and adult/staff behavior
- (c) coaching and technical assistance,
- (d) knowledge of student strengths and school-wide academic and behavior patterns,
- (e) knowledge about the operations of the school across grade levels and programs.

## Practices/Strategies



- a) Family/student participation is valued, and roles are clearly outlined and defined.
- b) If team size is a concern, consider the use of subcommittee structure and have families represented on subcommittees.
- c) Families influence system components (e.g., School-wide expectations language, celebrations/acknowledgements, etc.).
- d) Families assist in reporting team meeting discussions and data to stakeholders.
- e) Family members, students, and community liaisons are compensated, including childcare and/or transportation (gift cards, volunteer hours for students, access to technology, etc.).

## Family Teas

Caring Community

We want to continue building a caring community where your children, Dunlap's staff and you feel a sense of belonging and connectiveness to each other.

Everyone is treated with kindness, respect, and helpfulness and everyone has a mutual sense of responsibility. So, Relationships are the key.



Sharing common interests and concerns

Discussing topics that are important to us.

Learn about School and Community Resources

Have Fun – Wishing you a good and enjoyable time!



Examples:

Food Banks

Tutoring

Rent Assistance

Follow the Leader:
15 Minute
Breakout

Join your chosen language group.

Follow leader link.

Ms. Halverson - Español

Ms. Ngo - Tiếng Việt

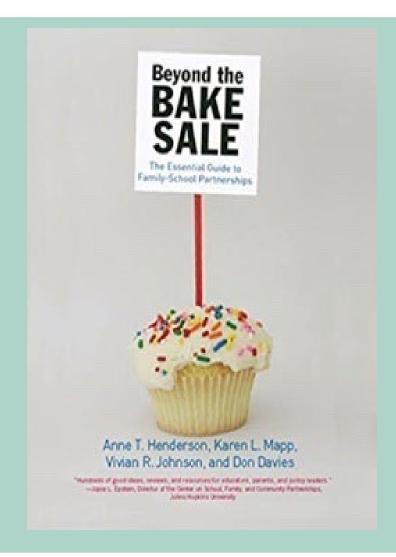
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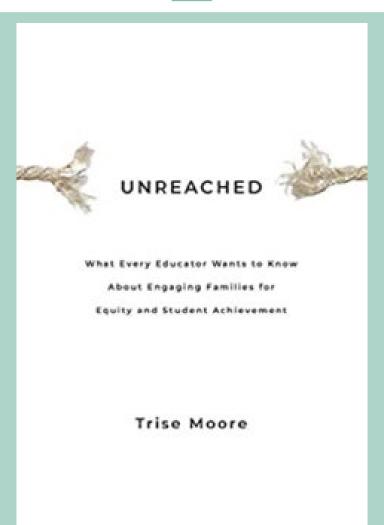
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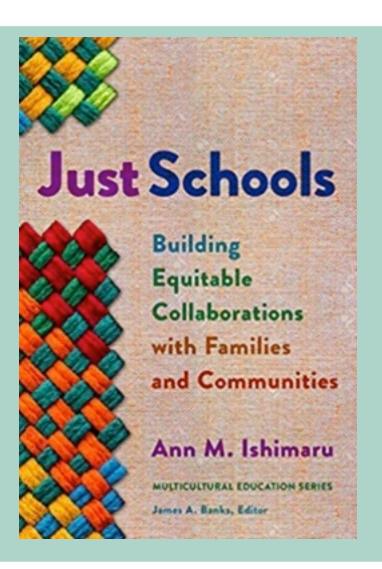
Next Family Tea Time: December 17th

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#### **Resources!**









#### **Washington Family Engagement**

https://www.wafamilyengagement.org/about.htm

**Toolkit of Resources for Engaging Families & Community** 

https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/edlabs/projects/project.asp?projectID=4509

Reform Support Network <a href="https://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/implementation-support-unit/tech-assist/strategies-for-community-engagement-in-school-turnaround.pdf">https://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/implementation-support-unit/tech-assist/strategies-for-community-engagement-in-school-turnaround.pdf</a>

**Panorama Guide to Family Engagement** 

https://www.panoramaed.com/blog/family-engagement-comprehensive-guide

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