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February 12, 2021

ISSUE PAPER

AGENDA ITEM: Request approval of Memorandum of Agreement (2021-2023) between the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, a Kentucky non-profit corporation, with its address at 271 West Short Street, Suite 202, Lexington, KY 40507 and Floyd Central High School with address at 651 KY RT 680 West, Eastern, KY 41622. This Memorandum of Agreement is effective the date it is signed and ends October 1, 2023.

APPLICABLE STATE(S), REGULATIONS OR BOARD POLICY: Policy 0.1.11 General Powers and Duties of the Board

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT: There are no costs associated with this agreement.

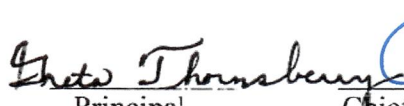
HISTORY/BACKGROUND: Floyd Central High School was one of fifty schools across the state of Kentucky to be nominated by the KY Collaborative for Families and Schools to participate in the 2021 Family-Friendly Partner School Learning Cohort. The purpose of this cohort is to improve/promote meaningful family engagement in our school. The KY Collaborative for Families and Schools will provide training, technical assistance and services to families, community partners, schools, and district administrators that support effective family and community engagement in schools (refer to attachments).

RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE: Approve Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence and Floyd County Schools/Floyd Central High School.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS: Request additional information

CONTACT PERSON:

Greta Thornsberry, Principal, Floyd Central High School
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Principal


Chief Instructional Officer


Superintendent



The Prichard Committee

Building a Groundswell for Excellent Education

Introducing the 2021 Family-Friendly Partner School Learning Cohort

Why?

- Decades of research shows family engagement is strongly associated with more positive school climate, academic growth, and socioemotional well-being.
- Strong home-school partnerships are more important than ever to support students amidst the uncertainty and upheaval inflicted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Who?

- 50 schools across the state are nominated by the KY Collaborative for Families and Schools.
- They are selected because they have a desire to improve family engagement in their school.
- Early education centers can participate.

What?

- Based on survey responses and needs expressed by the school and district staff, the KY Collaborative will work to offer a menu of family engagement training and program options.
- Free trainings and support on family engagement and parent leadership best practices from KY Collaborative Partner organizations and the Prichard Committee.
- Schools have the option of working toward a "Family-Friendly School Certificate" in 2022.
- Staff participate in learning network calls quarterly to learn from other participating schools.
- Staff and Parent surveys are sent each April for 3 years. These take approximately 15 minutes to complete and help us continue funding so trainings and resources can be provided free of charge.

When?

- Schools are nominated and sent an invitation to participate in January 2021.
- A signed Memorandum of Agreement to be a "Family-Friendly Partner School" is due April 1st. The MOA requires a signature from the Principal and the Superintendent.
- Staff and Parent Surveys are sent Spring 2021, 2022, and 2023. Specific dates TBD by each school.

Where?

All trainings, support and networking events will take place virtually in 2021.

How?

If you are interested in this opportunity, your school will need to complete a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). To view the MOA and for more information about this initiative please email brooke.gill@prichardcommittee.org.



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for Families and Schools**

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**Commonwealth Institute
for Parent Leadership**



National Center for
Families Learning

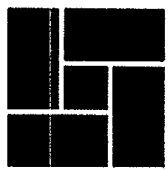


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**Partners for Education
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Kentucky Collaborative for Families and Schools

The Prichard Committee

2021

WE ARE

A network of families, schools, districts and community partners focused on increasing open communication, learning opportunities and shared decision-making power across the Kentucky education system.

WE BELIEVE

High-quality, equitable and inclusive education is the shared responsibility of families, schools and communities.

WE SHARE

A unified voice in advocating for family leadership and effective family-school-community partnerships.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO EQUITY

We support effective strategies to remove all barriers to educational equity, including systemic racism. Through open and honest conversations and actions around racial disparities, belonging, and equity in our schools, we support students and families to achieve their dreams for themselves and our Commonwealth.

WHAT WE DO

- Offer parent leadership development opportunities
- Help reduce policy and practice barriers to family engagement
- Train families, educators, administrators and community partners on family-school partnership best practices
- Highlight and expand effective family engagement programs
- Host monthly Lunch and Learns and Advisory Council meetings that connect and align family engagement efforts across the state
- Manage a family engagement online resource hub
- Co-design and co-lead 10 Family-School Partnership Projects each year (see next page)



prichardcommittee.org/familyengagement

10 BIG BOLD FAMILY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS FOR 2021

A priority project list released every January by the Kentucky Collaborative for Families and Schools to increase effective family-school partnership

This list is co-designed and co-lead by a variety of organizations and individuals to create a place for action-oriented collaboration among family engagement champions in Kentucky.

Top 10 for 2021

1. 50 Family-Friendly Partner Schools

Lead: Brooke Gill, Prichard Committee and Heather Ellison, Learning Grove

2. 50 Mobilized Education Advocates

Lead: Annette Hines, KY Education Voices

3. Birth- 8 Steering Committee

Lead: Amanda Flanary, Governor's Office of Early Childhood

4. Coping with Covid Family and Teacher Survey- Follow-up on 2020 findings

Lead: Ky InterGen 9

5. 1,000 trained families and educators through regional and statewide events

Lead: Laura Beard, Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership

6. Family engagement practices in university teacher preparation programs

Lead: Edna O. Schack, Morehead State University & Kentucky Center for Mathematics Faculty Associate

7. Governor Proclamation for "Family Engagement Week"

Lead: Kesha Richardson, Community Action Council

8. Define what effective, equitable and inclusive family engagement looks like

Lead: Brooke Gill, Prichard Committee

9. 200 Educators receive Family Engagement Champion Certificate

Lead: Brad Clark, KY Teacher Voices and Veda Stewart, Fayette County Public Schools

10. Specialized training badges for families and educators

Lead: R. Logsdon, KY-Special Parent Information Network



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or visit prichardcommittee.org/familyengagement



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The KY Collaborative for Families and Schools is being developed under the Statewide Family Engagement Center grant from the U.S. Department of Education. However, activities do not necessarily represent the policy of the U.S. Department of Education and you should not assume endorsement by the Federal Government.



The Prichard Committee

Building a Groundswell for Excellent Education

Family Friendly Partner School Learning Cohort:

Memorandum of Agreement 2021- 2023

THIS AGREEMENT is made by and between the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, a Kentucky non-profit corporation, with its address at 271 West Short Street, Suite 202, Lexington, Kentucky 40507 and

_____ (enter school name) with address at
_____ (enter school address). This MOA is effective the date it is signed and ends Oct. 1, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Prichard Committee is the recipient of a grant (PR/Award #U310A180004) from the United States Department of Education which is intended to support the Kentucky Statewide Family Engagement Center (the "KY Collaborative for Families and Schools") by providing training, technical assistance and services to families, community partners, schools and district administrators that support effective family and community engagement in schools.

WHEREAS, _____ (school name) will engage in activities to improve meaningful family engagement in their school and participate in annual survey collection each spring for three years (2021, 2022 and 2023). There is not a set number of family engagement activities or trainings required from the school, only a willingness to explore what family engagement services are available and work with one of the KY Collaborative for Families and Schools Partners (Berea Partners for Education, Learning Grove, National Center for Families Learning and/or Prichard Committee) to select program(s) that meet the capacity, interest and needs of the school. Specific expectations from The Prichard Committee and participating schools are listed here:

The Prichard Committee will:

- Connect school staff with KY Collaborative Partner organizations to identify programs and to implement in the school. Programs are chosen based on the interest, capacity and need of the school and the capacity of leading organization to provide that program in their school (See Appendix A for a list of example programs.)
- Ensure school staff coordinate with staff from the NYU Metro Center to collect and use survey data to improve family engagement practices in the school (See Appendix B for NYU Metro Center Consent form.)
- Facilitate quarterly learning cohort calls with all participating Family Friendly Partner Schools
- Provide on-going family engagement support, training and technical assistance as needed through one-on-one coaching calls, team meetings or resource sharing

Schools are expected to:

- Have all school staff, families, principal and a school board member or superintendent complete a 10-15 minute survey Spring 2021, 2022 and 2023. The response rate goal is 60% for school staff and families. The specific date for survey completion will be agreed upon by school staff and Prichard Committee to ensure the timing is convenient for schools. Surveys are available on any device or by hard copy if needed. Translation is available if needed.
- Participating school staff complete the "Family Friendly School Introduction Module" (a 1-hour online training offered live and archived with reflection activities) before December 2021.
- Identify one staff person for survey dissemination

- Identify one staff person to work with a KY Collaborative Partner organization and/or Prichard Committee staff to identify family engagement programs and training interests each year
- Identify at least one school staff person to participate in quarterly Partner School Learning Cohort calls (April, July, Nov, Feb). Specific dates to be decided by participating schools so the time and date are convenient to schools.
- We highly recommend, but do not require, each principal to identify at least one parent and one teacher to help co-lead this work. Teacher and parent co-leads will have the opportunity to participate in unique coaching and planning calls with other teacher and parent co-leads. We recommend providing a stipend for their time.

Districts are Expected to:

- Disseminate the 10-15 minute survey on family engagement to any district personnel, including the superintendent, school board members, and staff who engage with families or oversee family engagement, in spring 2021, 2022, and 2023.

School and District Signatures:

You can send in two separate MOAs with a Principal signature on one document and Superintendent signature on another document if this is easier. Once we receive both signatures, The Prichard Committee will sign and send you a copy for your records. Email completed MOA(s) to brooke.gill@prichardcommittee.org

Principal Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Superintendent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Primary School Contact if different from above:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Prichard Committee Signature:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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APPENDIX A:

Optional Family Engagement Opportunities to Support Meaningful Family Engagement ***Offered by KY Collaborative for Families and Schools Partner Organizations and The Prichard Committee***

The list below serves as an example of various programs offered by KY Collaborative Partners and The Prichard Committee. These are optional and we will work to implement in your school if 1.) you are interested and have the capacity to support the activity, and 2.) the organization leading the program has the capacity to support this activity in your school/district. We will make every effort to ensure schools can participate in all programs of interest. There are no fees for these services.

For Schools:

- Family-Friendly School Certificate, going Live Fall 2021
- Quarterly Peer Learning Calls with Principals from other Family-Friendly Schools
- Assistance with establishing an effective parent advisory council (Spring 2022)
- Assistance with filling school parent leadership positions
- Trainings on home visits (Eastern Kentucky schools only)
- Support and resources during new Statewide Family Engagement Week (Nov. 2021)
- April Family Leadership in Education Summit
- Fall Groundswell Summit

For Educators:

- Online/in-person family engagement: professional development
- Monthly Lunch and Learns
- Facilitated staff meetings to help teachers reflect on their family engagement practices
- Physical and/or Digital Book Distribution related to improving family engagement best practices
- Individual Certificates for completing Family and School Partnership Modules
- Peer learning opportunities
- April Family Leadership in Education Summit

For Families:

- Fall Parent Leadership Regional Basecamps
- Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership Fellowship: An 8-month leadership experience for families
- January Parent Leadership Retreat (3-day event)
- Navigo Coaching for student and families that supports middle and high schoolers in post-secondary education and career readiness (Northern Kentucky Schools only)
- Parent Café and Education Cafes
- Support and training for building a Parent Task Force (Eastern Kentucky Schools only)
- National Center for Families Learning Family Engagement support services (NCFL Schools only)
- Family Literacy Implementation Training and Support (NCFL Schools only)
- Physical and/or Digital Book Distribution related to improving family engagement best practices
- Peer Learning Opportunities
- April Family Leadership in Education Summit

APPENDIX B:

NYU Metro Center Invitation Letter for Survey Participation



Metropolitan Center for Research on Equity and the Transformation of Schools

February 8, 2021

Dear Principal,

Congratulations! Your school has been identified as a school delivering a high-impact family engagement program in the state of Kentucky. The Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence has contracted with the Metro Center at New York University to evaluate the Kentucky Statewide Family Engagement Center. As a school receiving services from a KY Collaborative partner (e.g. Prichard Committee, NCFL, PFE, or Learning Grove), we would like to gather some survey data to increase our understanding of how schools improve home/school partnerships. Dr. Joanna Geller and Dr. Danielle Perry at NYU Metro Center, who have conducted numerous studies on family engagement, are leading this work.

In order to understand the statewide impact of family engagement services in Kentucky, the research team would like to collect data from parents, teachers, and other school staff, beginning in early spring 2021. We will also collect survey data in spring 2022 and spring 2023. Participating in this study would require the following commitments:

- Designation of someone in your school who can work with the researcher on the dissemination of surveys
- Willingness for our team to collect annual survey data from parents and staff

We will document your school's family engagement practices via subgroup and descriptive analysis with other identified schools. We will also provide your school with an annual summary of key findings gathered from this data. Therefore, participating in this study will offer your school community the opportunity to further enhance your existing family engagement offerings, gain recognition for the work you are doing, and support other schools to improve.

Our research team will describe the study further to participants who agree to participate. Please keep in mind, all survey data is designed to be confidential. Participation in the research project is voluntary, and they will be able to withdraw at any point during the project.

The researchers will follow up this letter with more detailed information and look forward to learning from your school. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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