

CPSEL 4: Family and Community Engagement

4.1: Collaborate to Incorporate the Perspective of Families and Community

Members (The School leader demonstrates a highly refined and effective set of skills for eliciting and incorporating the perspectives of families and community members. She or he actively engages these stakeholders in the ongoing cycles of planning, implementation, assessment, and refinement that occurs at the site.)

As principal for the High Desert region, eliciting and incorporating family and community collaboration is an integral part of planning and reviewing site goals, results, and operations. I ensure that avenues for providing input are available to families and community members. I've included samples of our social media page and copies of our Family Engagement meetings. The social media page provides families and community members with the link to the survey requesting feedback. Our family engagement meetings elicit feedback regarding the components of the Learning Continuity Plan-curriculum, technology, social-emotional wellness, and continuum of engagement and outreach. I've also included communication to staff and parents regarding our school's Covid-19 Exposure Response Protocol upon students return to school as well as listing our school's four-phase plan.

4.2: Establish and Manage Linkages Between the Site and the Larger Community

Context (The school leader creates an innovative and effective set of strategies to communicate regularly about the school with all families and other community members. She or he demonstrates a deep understanding of how partnerships and networking relationships benefit the school.)

In collaboration with our Enrollment and Outreach Specialist, student council members and staff, we coordinated and participated in local outreach events as well as invited local wrap around service programs to present their services to our school community. For example our school participated in our local community resource fair along with other youth organizations in our Antelope Valley community. I've included a copy of the flyer as well as pictures of the event. It's gratifying to see that through the efforts of our Enrollment and Outreach Specialist, local and county organizations are now reaching out to our school to offer services to our students. One such example is an email that was sent to us from a parent partner with the Los Angeles Dependency Lawyers, offering their services to our families in order to educate parents of their rights and responsibilities during the procedural chain of events of an investigation, in the hopes of preventing an actual petition ever being filed to separate this child and parent. A copy of this correspondence is included as evidence.

Another way in which I've worked hard to establish and manage the linkage between the site and the larger community is by developing our school sites' websites and social media, Instagram page. Working collaboratively with our school's Enrollment and Outreach Specialist, as well as our Career Pathways Coordinator, I am guiding these website development efforts, regularly updating these with information pertinent to parents, students and the community.

4.3: Engage and Coordinate Support from Agencies Outside the School (The school leader serves as an advocate for students and their families by actively engaging the participation and support of community service agencies.)

In order to provide the best possible services and resources to my students and families, I hired an Enrollment and Outreach Specialist. Through her outreach efforts, she has been able to grow our linkage between the school and a range of community service agencies. She developed a Youth Community Resource Guide that is available to all of our stakeholders. She has also developed a Buffalo Resource Guide, which lists our community service agencies and the frequency of our meetings with them. A copy of these resources are included as evidence. Our WIOA partnership with Goodwill has also strengthened, thereby providing job placement and work experience opportunities to our students. A copy of a flyer containing the contact information and services available is included. Our Enrollment and Outreach Specialist is currently working closely with the Antelope Valley's America's Job Center, Youth at Work program, to provide paid work experience for our 14+ students.