Committee of Practitioners

Family and Community Engagement updates

Kim Larson, March 26, 2019

**Statewide Family Engagement Centers update**

The 3 current sites are Lincoln, Grand Island, and Lexington. If you are interested in information regarding implementation plans, or to have your school added to the list of possible future sites, contact the new Statewide Family Engagement Director for Nebraska, Roger Garcia, rgarcia@familieslearning.org, 402-714-7387.

Any updates from Lincoln, Grand Island, or Lexington from this group?

**NDE-ESU Family Community Engagement Input Sessions**

The goals of these meetings are to:

* Build partnerships between Nebraska Department of Education, Nebraska Educational Service Units, schools, families, business/community focused on this work
* Build capacity of ESU and NDE staff to co-lead state and local family and community engagement efforts
* Support schools in strengthening family engagement efforts
* Begin discussions that will serve as the foundation for building a Nebraska PreK-12 School-Family-Community Framework
  + Articulate a definition of family engagement for NE along with guiding principles
  + Create a coalition of stakeholders to “co-develop” this Nebraska School/Family/Community Framework alongside NDE and the Nebraska ESUs
  + Input on the question: Where should our focus be?

Family Engagement? Family-Community Engagement? School-Family-Community Engagement? What about business and industry?

* Gather input for NE State Board of Education as identified in State Board Strategic Vision and Direction (Goal 2.1)

You are welcome to attend a meeting in your area. Consider reaching out to the following to attend with you:

* Educators (e.g., school administrator, Title I leaders, classroom teachers, early childhood representative, special education educator)
* Family members (including dads)
* Representatives of community agencies
* Representatives of local business and industry
* Representatives of postsecondary institutions

There are currently 3 meetings scheduled.

North Platte, ESU 16, March 27, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Kearney, ESU 10, April 17, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Neligh, ESU 8, April 18, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Register at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScmylFfJNP41KcWoYZRnS\_BYxn3D59ZrvTddPnvqZA4jFNoeA/viewform