

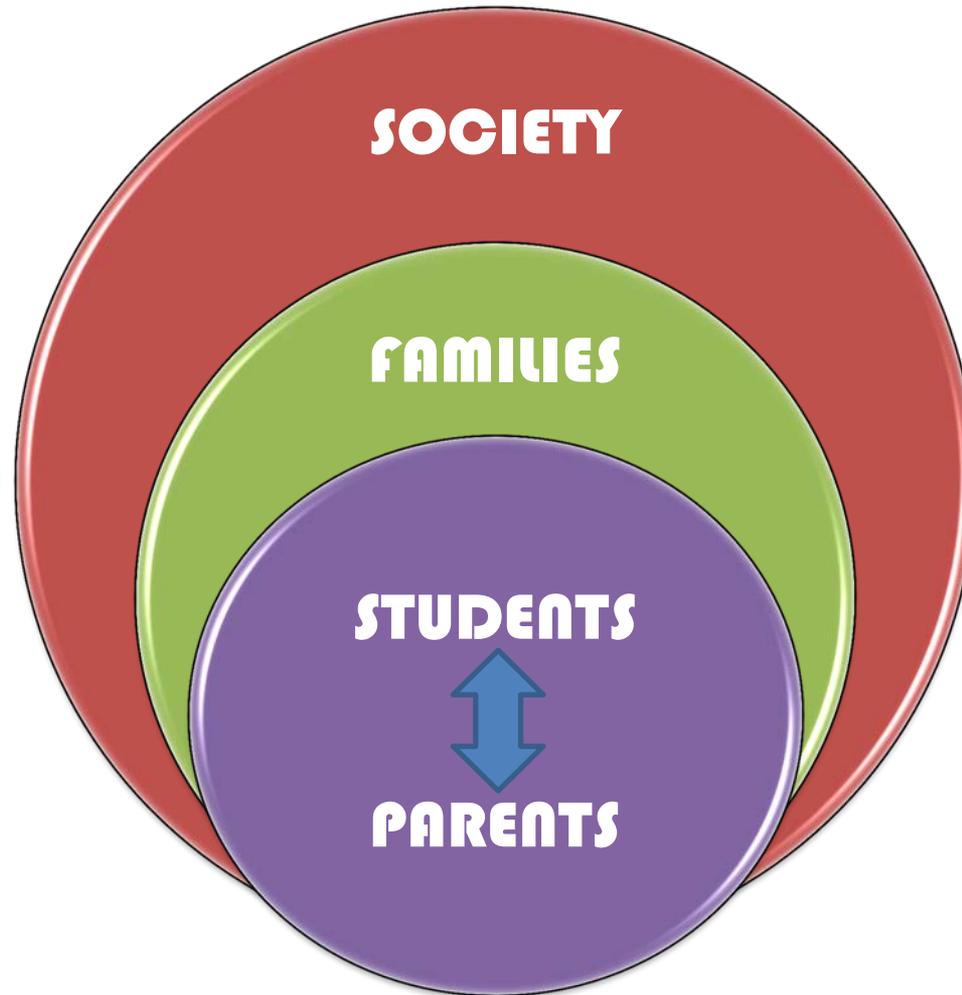


# **Family Engagement: From Cradle to Career**

**A Middle School Experience  
Curtis Middle School**

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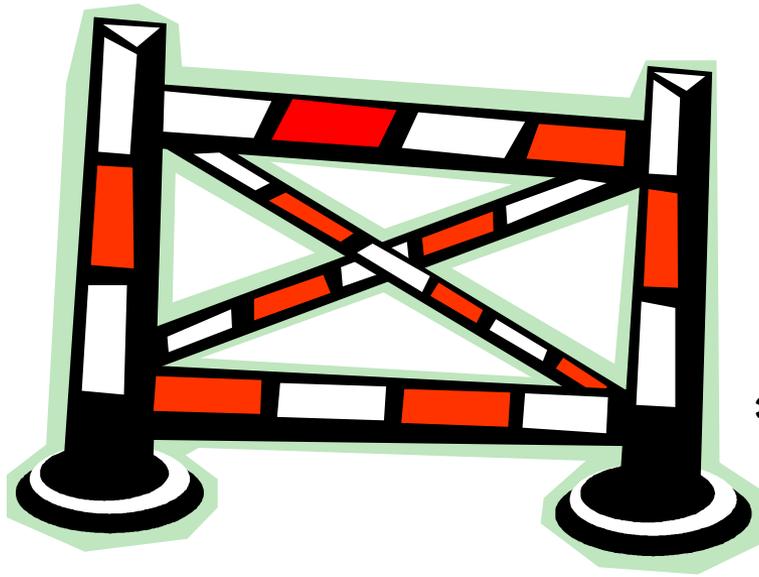
# WHO DO WE HELP?



# PARENTS ARE THE FIRST EDUCATORS ...

- *...BUT...*

- \* THEY NEED TOOLS



- \* THEY HAVE BARRIERS

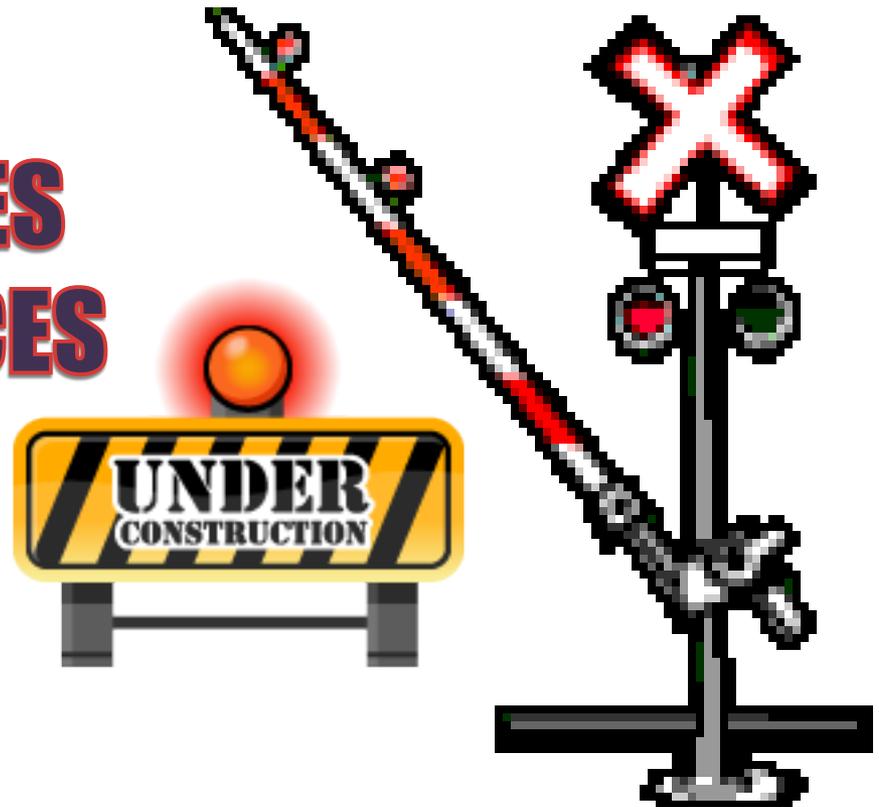
# **WE NEED TO OFFER PARENTS THE TOOLS ...**

- PARENTING CLASSES
- ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL & COMMUNITY
- VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
- MEETINGS WITH TEACHERS
- SCHOOL CULTURE AWARENESS



# WE NEED TO HELP PARENTS TO BREAK THE BARRIERS

- ESOL
- GED
- COMPUTER CLASSES
- CHILDCARE SERVICES
- GOOD CUSTOMER SERVICE





# **WHEN PARENTS ARE INVOLVED ...**

- SUPPORT CHILD'S EDUCATION
- ADVOCATE FOR THEM AND THEIR CHILDREN
- SHARE TIME WITH THEM
- VALUE LONG LIFE LEARNING
- VALUE CITIZENSHIP SKILLS
- SELF ESTEEM IS ENHANCED
- FAMILY'S WELL BEING INCREASES



Students

- **IMPROVE ACHIEVEMENT & ATTENDANCE**
- **LESS BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS**
- **BETTER PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH**

Parents

- **LEARN PARENTING TOOLS**
- **LEARN ENGLISH, IF NEEDED**
- **VALUE EDUCATION**
- **LEARN SELF ADVOCACY**

Families

- **EMOTIONALLY CLOSER**
- **IMPROVE GENERAL WELL BEING**
- **INCREASE SOCIAL AWARENESS**

Society

- RECEIVE POSITIVE INFLUENCE IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES AS: VIOLENCE, WELFARE, DEPENDENCY, SOCIAL ALIENATION, AND OTHERS

# **FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM DESIGN**

- Have clear goals and objectives
- Intensity of services
- Begin where the parents are
- Sound adult education practices
- Quality Staff
- Collaboration
- Good rapport / Good customer service
- Cultural sensitiveness



**FUTURE CURTIS STUDENTS  
TOURING THE BUILDING**

# THE VERBS



SNACKS TIME



**WINNER OF THE  
PHONICS BINGO**



THIS ONE OR  
THIS ONE?



PERFECT PLACE  
FOR READING !



**HELPING OUR  
NURSE**

