



Dear Parents:

What better way to show your children that you support education than to become *engaged* in their education!

Now, more than ever, your involvement and support for our school is needed. There are so many ways that you can be *engaged* in your child's education – regardless of whether they are in elementary or high school! Here are some ideas:

- Make it known that *you* value education and it is a priority.
- Talk with your child daily about their school day, homework assignments, and activities.
- Attend parent/teacher conferences and address concerns early.
- *Help* with homework.
- Remind your child to complete their homework.
- Find volunteer opportunities at our school – in the classroom, media center, office, mentoring, tutoring, field trip chaperone, booster clubs, etc.
- Check Portal consistently to get an update on your child's grades and progress.
- Join our school's PTA/PTO or become a SAC member.
- Visit our school's website for school activities and events.
- Visit the Pinellas County Schools/Family Engagement website (https://www.pcsb.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1617&Itemid=1320) for other specific areas of interest.
- Download the *FREE PCS Family Engagement APP* on your Apple or Android phone. Search by "PCS Family Engagement."

These are just some of the ways that you can be engaged in your child's education. What I want you to know is that "parents *do* make a difference!" When you are engaged the benefits are great:

- improved academic performance
- higher attendance rates
- improved behavior
- graduates who are prepared to succeed
- teachers who are able to focus on education
- increased community respect
- successful schools/students = successful communities

I ask for your hand in this partnership. Can I count on your commitment in supporting your child's education at **Dixie Hollins High School** as a Partner in Education? I look forward to an engaging partnership!

Sincerely,


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