About CA FACE Initiative

The CA Family and Community Engagement Initiative (CA FACE), led by the CDE Foundation and supported by the California Department of Education, is committed to statewide leadership, guidance, and support in promoting family and community engagement. Our mission is to empower educators, county offices of education, school districts, and families to build strong two-way home-school partnerships, unlocking the potential of every learner. Our focus is to help share stories and serve as a credible and trusted resource hub for all things family and community engagement.

Our Goals

- **Awareness**: Increase awareness of family engagement resources and best practices.
- **Advocacy**: Champion equity and culturally responsive family engagement policies and practices.
- **Access**: Expand access to evidence-based resources and support, ensuring inclusivity and opportunity for all.

Guiding Principles

Guiding our efforts is the Dual Capacity-Building Framework for Family–School Partnerships developed by Dr. Karen Mapp, which serves as our North Star in this endeavor. This framework offers essential foundational elements that underscore our commitment to leadership, advocacy, and facilitating access for educators, families, and school communities alike.

Our Partners

California benefits from numerous family and community engagement organizations leading initiatives statewide and nationally. We gratefully acknowledge Heising-Simons and Sobrato Foundations for supporting our mission to enhance family and community engagement in public schools. In addition, the listed organizations demonstrate unwavering dedication to this crucial work. CA FACE eagerly anticipates expanding its network and forming new partnerships.

- California Department of Education (CDE)
- California Association of Bilingual Educators (CABE)
- The California Community Engagement Initiative (CEI)
- California Family Engagement Network (CAFEN)
- California State Parent Teacher Association (CAPTA)
- National Association for Family, School, and Community Engagement (NAFSE)
- Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE)
- California Statewide Family Engagement Center (SFEC)
- Parent Organization Network (PON)
- Seeds of Partnership

Call for Story Submissions

Our newsletter is committed to spotlighting impactful family and community engagement stories and showcasing best practices and resources throughout California. Share your stories with us at bit.ly/CAFACESubmission

Join Our Mailing List

Join the CA FACE Initiative mailing list to gain access to resources and receive updates on promoting family and community engagement. Sign up at bit.ly/CAFACEMailingList

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