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CLOVIS MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS SELECTS EDUCATION INDUSTRY LEADER SCHOLASTIC TO CONDUCT FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ASSESSMENT

This school year, Clovis Municipal Schools will conduct an in-depth assessment of its current family engagement dynamic as a means to inform growth and strategy, which will enable the district and its families to build strong, lasting school-to-home and home-to-school relationships.

The first of its kind for the District, education industry leader Scholastic was selected to direct the assessment and related professional development.

Increasing family engagement was identified as a top priority by staff, parents and community members who participated in a District Title I Stakeholder meeting in February 2018. In response to the feedback from the Stakeholder meeting, the District has decided to conduct an assessment of existing family engagement practices. Title I is a federal program which seeks to enrich opportunities for economically disadvantaged communities. The Scholastic Family and Community Engagement (FACE) program was chosen to lead the assessment because of its thorough approach, proven assessment methods and results oriented post-assessment, professional development program.

The assessment will be underway soon through the joint efforts of Scholastic's FACE experts and District Family Engagement Teams – one team per Title I school, comprised of District and school administrators, teachers, family and community members.

Set to take place throughout the school year, assessment components include walk-through evaluations of each school from parking lot to interior and analysis of communication and information sharing practices. One of the most critical components of the assessment will be a family survey, to be announced in the near future. Participation by families of students in our District is key to understanding all perspectives of the relationship between schools and families in our community.

Upon completion of the assessment and thorough analysis of the results, Scholastic will provide the District with reports of findings and quantitative data establishing a baseline for ongoing improvement measurements.

Additionally, as a way to cement the assessment results and cultivate growth in family engagement, Scholastic FACE experts will provide staff, administrators and school Family Engagement Team members three days of professional development. Using a workshop model designed by Dr. Karen Mapp, Harvard Graduate School of Education, the instruction works to develop intensive understanding of guiding family engagement principles and practices integrated with the District's individual assessment results.

Understanding the importance of family engagement and the well-established, positive impact it has on student success, the District embraces the opportunity to critically self-evaluate. Through this assessment, it is the goal of Clovis Municipal Schools to make families feel like welcome participants and ensure the education of our community's children is accomplished through a home and school partnership.

For additional information about our Family Engagement Assessment, please contact Renee Russ, Deputy Director of Federal Programs, 575-769-4328.

The mission of the Clovis Municipal Schools, an alliance highly committed to educational excellence, is to equip each student with the knowledge and skills needed for a productive life of creative thinking, continuous learning, and exemplary character through challenging and engaging learning experiences led by a dedicated, unified team in vital partnership with family, church, and community.

