






Steps Toward Shared Power with Parents and Families

					
	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	SHARE POWER
GOAL	Provide accessible information in a timely manner.	Solicit input on issues, alternatives, and priorities.	Engage families and parents, to ensure that concerns and aspiration are considered and understood.	Partner with parents and families in each aspect of the decision making.	To partner with parents and families using consensus building to build joint agreements.
PROMISE	We will keep you informed.	We will listen to you and acknowledge your ideas.	We will work with you to ensure your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in our decisions.	We will look to you for advice and innovation and incorporate this in decisions as much as possible.	We will work with you to find common ground.
	INPUT ZONE		ENGAGEMENT ZONE		JOINT WORK

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