

# THE KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL-FAMILY-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## EPSTEIN'S SIX TYPES OF INVOLVEMENT



**PARENTING:** Assist families in understanding child and adolescent development, and in setting home conditions that support children as students at each age and grade level. Assist schools in understanding families.



**COMMUNICATING:** Communicate with families about school programs and student progress through effective school-to-home and home-to-school communications.



**VOLUNTEERING:** Improve recruitment, training, work, and schedules to involve families as volunteers and audiences at school or in other locations to support students and school programs.



**LEARNING AT HOME:** Involve families with their children in learning activities at home, including homework, other curriculum-related activities, and individual course and program decisions.



**DECISION MAKING:** Include families as participants in school decisions, governance, and advocacy through PTA/PTO, school councils, committees, action teams, and other parent organizations.



**COLLABORATING WITH COMMUNITY:** Coordinate resources and services for students, families, and the school with businesses, agencies, and other groups, and provide services to the community.