



OTTAWA-CARLETON
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MEMORANDUM

TO: Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

FROM: Michele Giroux, Executive Officer Corporate Services

DATE: 31 March 2021

RE: Barriers to Engagement

In a meeting with the newly elected committee Chair and Vice Chair, we engaged in a discussion about parent involvement and some of the research in this area. In the course of our discussion, we recognized that this might be a good topic for discussion at our next meeting as it would support the orientation of new members and lay a foundation for the discussion about the Committee's work plan.

At the meeting, staff will provide an overview presentation, but thought it might be helpful to share some background materials which committee members could review in advance of the meeting. The following is a small collection of resources which is intended to provide a overview of some key elements of the research:

1. [Epstein's Six Types of Parent Involvement](#)
2. [Doing What Matters Most: How Parents Can Help Their Children Succeed at School](#) (People for Education)
3. [The Dual Capacity Framework for Family-School Partnerships](#) (Karyn Mapp) (summary overview attached)
4. [Parent Engagement: The Learning Exchange: Capacity Building Series](#)

Understanding the research on parent involvement may be useful in identifying the opportunities and gaps in current practices and help to identify areas of focus for the work of the Committee.

We look forward to further discussion at the meeting.
