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# Community Voices:

## Supporting Children & Families During Difficult Times

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# What is Parent Engagement?

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*Ongoing process that increases active participation, communication and collaboration between parents, schools, and communities with the goal of educating the whole child to ensure student achievement and success.*



# Importance of Parent Engagement

Research related to family, community, and school connections among low-income and minority populations identifies several broad findings:

- Most families have high aspirations for their children and want them to be successful
- Families from racial, ethnic, and cultural minorities are actively involved in their children's schooling

<https://vimeo.com/431939080/e52355cc1c>

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