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Be partners—Relationships move at the speed of trust.

Research: Strong relationships between families and schools are essential for positive relationships between families and schools. Building strong relationships between families and schools will require active engagement.

Tips from the field:
- Support families by helping them to build relationships with other families.
- Encourage families to share their perspectives and experiences to help other families.
- Help families feel more empowered and engaged.

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Meet them where they are—advocating looks different for all families.

Research: It is important for schools to recognize and be inclusive of the different ways families advocate for their children based on their cultures, backgrounds, and values.

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Show families you have the same goals—to help their children thrive.

Research: To advocate for families, teachers need to help families recognize that their power and voice are important for their children.

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Remember, each family is the expert in their child’s education.