THREE USEFUL WAYS TO THINK ABOUT PARENT ENGAGEMENT

FOR learning
occurs when schools take specific steps to connect parents to in-school learning, such as parent teacher conversations or family literacy / numeracy games nights

THROUGH learning
involves inquiry-based learning opportunities for parents, such as parent education classes, learning circles or parenting seminars

ABOUT learning
where parents actively engage with teachers and students to understand more about the process of learning, how teachers teach and what parents can do at home to support learning

‘When relationships with educators are characterised by mutual respect, trust, open communication and inclusion in decision making, families are more likely to feel confident about their roles as advocates and become more engaged in their child’s learning’ (Weiss, H & Lopez, E. 2018).

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