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January 24, 2017

Members, Partners and Stakeholders,

It's been a busy couple of weeks in the world of family engagement, so we want to get you right to the content of this week's newsletter. But first, a few important updates.

Thanks to the overwhelming response we've received to this month's [NAFSCE Network Meeting Webinar](#), taking place tomorrow, January 25 at 3pm EST, we will be moving the virtual meeting to a more robust online platform to accommodate more simultaneous users. **If you have already registered for this free webinar, please use this new link, <https://zoom.us/j/688569335>, instead of the link you received previously.**

Pre-registration is not required for this virtual meeting. Simply use the link (<https://zoom.us/j/688569335>) to log in at meeting time. Join the discussion and learn how states are using family engagement to advance equity in education. We've got an impressive panel of experts who are anxious to hear your questions.

We are also launching some new features in this issue of *NAFSCE News*. In [Tell Us What You Think](#), we will ask for your thoughts, feedback and opinions on issues in the news, ways we can better serve you, and more. Please take a minute to answer our survey and let your voice be heard.

As NAFSCE explores opportunities to create a career and talent center on our website, we will periodically use *NAFSCE News* to post job listings provided to us by our members, continuing education opportunities, articles regarding career advancement, and more. You'll find these items in the *Career Center* section of the newsletter.

We hope you like our new features. As always, we love to [hear from you](#). Please let us know what you'd like to see in *NAFSCE News*. This is your newsletter. We want to make it work for YOU.

Best regards,



Vito Borrello
NAFSCE Executive Director

Association News

NAFSCE Network Meetings

Equity in Education: How States are Leading the Way

PLEASE NOTE: Due to high demand, this month's NAFSCE Network Meeting has been moved to an expanded webinar platform. *Even if you have registered*, please use the link below to attend the meeting.

NEW LINK FOR NAFSCE NETWORK MEETING WEBINAR:

<https://zoom.us/j/688569335>

DATE: Wednesday, January 25, 2017

TIME: 3:00pm - 4:30pm EST (Virtual Networking: 2:30 - 3pm)

LOCATION: Online through the Zoom Platform

LINK TO JOIN: <https://zoom.us/j/688569335>

Join us for a panel discussion, followed by audience questions and comments, on how states are leading the way in using family engagement to advance equity in education. This meeting will be held entirely online. There will be no "in person" component to this webinar.

Panel Presenters:

[Lacy Wood](#), American Institute for Research

[Judy Carson](#), Connecticut Department of Education

Chrishirella Warthen-Sutton, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

[Sarah Ogeto](#), Illinois State Board of Education

Save the Date: Upcoming NAFSCE Network Meeting

- February 22, 2017
- March 29, 2017

Tell Us What You Think

New Feature!



Periodically, we'll ask you to tell us what you think -- about an item in the news, a hot topic, or about how NAFSCE can better serve you. Today, please take a minute (it's just two questions!), to tell us what you think about *NAFSCE News* and how we can improve it to better meet your needs.

Thank you!

Ask the Experts

Final Thoughts from John King as Education Secretary

Outgoing Secretary of Education John King offers his [perspective on equity](#) in education in his final dispatch as Secretary. "It's not liberty when the happenstance of birth binds a child to a life of limited possibilities." [Read the full text](#) in a blog post by NAFSCE Executive Director, Vito Borrello.



Video: Strengthening Family Involvement To Improve Outcomes for Children

In [this short video](#), NAFSCE Board Member, [Lacy Wood](#) and Rebecca Ornelas, both with the [American Institutes for Research](#), discuss how family engagement may improve both academic outcomes and mental health for children.

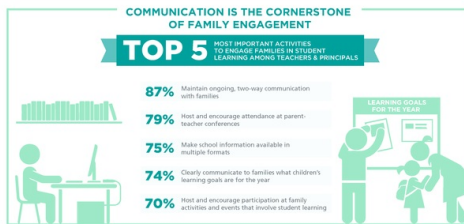
Hear more from Lacy at our NAFSCE Network Meeting Webinar, this Wednesday at 3p. [Register now.](#)



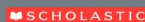
New Scholastic Research Shines Light on Importance of Family Engagement



FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES ARE IMPORTANT PARTNERS IN STUDENT LEARNING



TEACHER & PRINCIPAL SCHOOL REPORT
scholastic.com/teacherprincipalreport



Scholastic's recently released *Teacher and Principal School Report* finds that 99% of educators agree that "it is important to student success that families be involved in their children's learning," yet 74% say they need help engaging the families of their students. This need is especially great for teachers (84%) and principals (88%) in high-poverty schools, but is still prevalent in low-poverty schools (55% and 57% among teachers and principals respectively). Click on the infographic to the left to view and download a [PDF of results](#). Or visit the Scholastic website to [read the full report](#).

Opinions from the Field

Washington Post: From start to finish, the DeVos hearing was rather remarkable

Stories about educational hearings don't usually go viral on social media, but this

Senate confirmation hearing was particularly unusual, uncomfortable to watch.

Historic Black School Teaches Effective Parental Involvement & Develops Teacher Capacity for Student Success

Conservative columnist J. Pepper Bryers Baltimore's Booker T. Washington Middle School for the Arts launches family and teacher development programs,

creating a blueprint for schools in

Have we thrown the parents out with the bathwater?

Inclusive Approach Opens Volunteering to More Parents

This Richmond, VA school has created but inflexible schedules and opportunities for female role models in a previously male-only program. The school's family engagement coordinator says this means that "everybody wins."

Chicago Tribune: Betsy DeVos vs. the education status quo

Instead of lauding DeVos for trying to break a failing status quo in places like Detroit, a handful of U.S. senators tried their best to depict her as "an out-of-touch nincompoop" whose goal was to destroy public schools.

Parent feedback leads to opening of Parent University and

Recalibrates Membership who could affect education

Matthew Blackstone, principal at Glynn Betsy DeVos won't be the only member of Middle School, said he is constantly seeking Donald Trump's cabinet to have a say in feedback from parents. "Anytime we can get student-facing policy.

parents' input, it only improves what we do at Glynn Middle," he said. "Parents are obviously integral in what we do. Without their support, we wouldn't have the success we've had over the years."

Pre-K Program Teaches Kids How To Handle Their Emotions Before They Act Out

The early childhood program called *ParentCorps* was designed by experts at NYU Langone's Center for Early Childhood Health and Development to help parents build a toolkit of strategies that may solve behavioral problems at home.

Industry News

President

IEL's board of directors appointed Dr. Johan E. Uvin as the organization's sixth president. Uvin was the Acting Assistant Secretary for the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education. The Greater Good Science Center at UC Berkeley (GGSC) serves as a bridge between scientists and the public, turning research findings into practical resources for social and emotional well-being. Its Parenting Program equips parents with research-based insights and tools that foster well-being in themselves and their children.

Job Opportunity: Parenting Program Director, The Greater Good Science Center

Lightswitch Learning, a Division of Sussman Education, Acquires Scobre Press

[Lightswitch Learning](#) provides schools, teachers, parents and students with resources on family engagement, social-emotional learning, career exploration and much more. [Scobre Press](#) is a publisher with a catalog of over 100 high-interest fiction and nonfiction titles devoted to serving striving readers.



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ENGAGING FAMILIES:

Transformational Moments, Sustainable Practices

National Family and Community Engagement Conference

Thursday, June 22, 2017- Saturday, June 24, 2017 | San Francisco, CA

[The 2017 National Family and Community Engagement Conference](#) including over 90 workshops, will inspire discussion about the most important issues across family and community engagement.

[Register today!](#)