



Our mission is to ensure that all children, regardless of their background, graduate from high school prepared for, and with access to, college or career training.

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Re: Please vote YES on [House Bill 3185-2](#)

Dear Chair Doherty and Members of the House Education Committee,

We support House Bill 3185-2 because family engagement is critical to a student's success. Family engagement -- when it is co-constructed, collaborative, and culturally responsive -- can strengthen partnerships between schools, families, and communities. These vital partnerships are essential when it comes to helping students grow, stay on track, and graduate from high school prepared for college, work, and life.

This bill will:

- Help elevate the importance of family engagement at the state level, especially with families and students who have been historically marginalized and underrepresented;
- Involve a broad and diverse set of education, community, and family stakeholders across the early learning through higher education continuum;
- Ensure that our state is continuing to expand family engagement practices that are equity-focused and culturally responsive.

We also believe that the goals of this bill would be complementary to the work happening through different initiatives like the English Learners Success Plan (HB 3499), the African American Student Success Plan (HB 2016), and the American Indian/Alaska Native Student Success Plan.

We urge you to vote yes on House Bill 3185-2.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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