School-Community Engagement Engagement Spectrum

The list of activities below is intended to describe a range of activities schools and communities might employ to engage with each other. It is not exhaustive, but is intended to spark thinking and dialogue for more ideas.

Informing	Seeking Input	Deciding Together
 Learning exhibitions to feature student work Individualized academic progress dashboard Newsletters, email updates Robo-calls and text messages Games, such as a trivia contest to inform or gather input Presentations to the community (e.g.: "State of the Schools" report) School leader (superintendent, principal) weekly/monthly column in local newspaper Student art exhibitions in local businesses; student music performances in community. 	 Parent cafes (a social event which includes an opportunity to gather input from participants) Surveys (parents, students, faculty, community) Weekly student discussions Photo booth (ask individuals to respond to a question by writing a response on a white board and take a photo while holding their response) Asset mapping of school district/community. Network map of connections between families, teachers, students, and community members. Film screening and dialogue nights. 	 Training programs in mentoring, homework support, engagement, etc. for students, families, educators, and community members. Student, family, and/or community forums designed to include dialogue, and exchange of ideas, and mechanisms for collecting input. Student-led conferences with teachers and family members. Advisory councils including students, families, and community members (e.g.: internship council; student-centered learning council; service-learning council) or personalized learning design team.