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Case study: Strategic planning for social and emotional needs

Schools are facing greater challenges to meet the social and emotional needs of students. White Pass School District in Washington is a small district that built a comprehensive system of supports for students' social and emotional well-being. This case study outlines the components of the strategic plan to help students in elementary school through high school.

How strategic plan campaigns launch organizational change

Does your district plan the work and work the plan? Launching a strategic planning process and implementing the resulting plan is a time-consuming and often exhausting process, but it is worthwhile. It's a chance to gather a team and envision an organizational goal that results in a guide for achieving it. Read about one district's experiences and get inspired to start your own planning process.

Training for school board members

School board members make important decisions as volunteers. After they are elected, most dive into their decision-making role without fully understanding education policy and requirements. Even for the most avid supporters, there is plenty to learn, but sometimes they don't know what they don't know. This tip sheet offers reminders about the value of professional development for these important public officials.

What do your parents want to know?

When families are active in their child's school, student achievement goes up. Schools can help parents feel welcome by sharing information. Not only do they have the right to be informed, but they can support their kids better if they know what's happening in the classroom. Here are some tips to ensure that they are getting the information they need.

Writing for an eighth grader — some things never change

When you make an effort to share information, do you think about what you want to say and also how you want to say it? Maximize readability of your messages by keeping the writing short and the text big enough for your oldest audiences to view easily. A leading writing coach shares the basics for the most accessible writing.

INSIGHTS FOR PARENTS: Parent tips for teacher conferences

Parent involvement is an important factor in student success, and parent-teacher conferences are a great way to get parents involved and get to know their child's teacher. These tips for parents will help them maximize the effectiveness of school conferences.

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