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### Parents are partners in education

Smart schools understand that parents are important partners for thriving classrooms. When parents and teachers work together, the impact on student learning is impressive. They support teachers, participate in schools as volunteers, help their children with schoolwork at home and carry messages of support to their networks in the community. In turn, schools should nurture this relationship. Here are tips for building successful school-family relationships.

### Policy refresher for school boards

Setting school board policy is a primary function of all school boards. New board members should understand what policy is and why policies are needed. All districts should review policy on a defined schedule and be ready to draft new policy as issues and needs arise.

### Speak carefully to avoid miscommunication

A careless remark or thoughtless comment can create a firestorm of reaction. Countless politicians and public figures have dealt with disruption and mistrust because they said something they didn't mean to say. These tips can help you avoid saying things you will regret by choosing words carefully for your audience.

### Website accessibility benefits everyone

Is your website accessible to all visitors? Are you aware of all of the features it should include to ensure that visitors who need specific accommodations can access the content? Read the key considerations to ensure that your site has features to accommodate the needs of all of your viewers.

### Here's to You! Tips for your good health

This issue has information about Covid-19 vaccine recommendations, beverage benefits that include new research on drinking tea to prevent dementia, and tips to combat pandemic fatigue.

### INSIGHTS FOR PARENTS: Focus on skill building

Employers want to hire people who can be flexible, adaptable and capable of learning new skills. If there is a bright side to our current circumstances, it is the opportunity to build skills that will help us in the future. Read this list to learn more about the skills employers want their employees to have.

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