

## Community and Family Open-ended Questions (Question Stage)

### **Tool 2: Between meetings:**

Open ended questions and the value of listening

Everyone has a story to tell and often times all it takes is some open ended questions and a listening ear to begin to get a sense of how students, families, and communities experience the school or district. Personal experiences of families can help create a better understanding of key issues that are of interest to multiple stakeholders and community members.

These are some questions that members of the leadership team might want to ask parents in the school:

- How would you describe your experience as a parent at this school?
- What are ways that you would like to be more engaged in your child's education?
- What has gone really well?
- What do you think could go better?
- What are ways the teachers at the school have made an effort to welcome you or get to know you and your children?

Please brainstorm a list of parent leaders and community partners that could join the process: