

Family Engagement Committee Alameda Jr. / Sr. High School Lakewood, CO

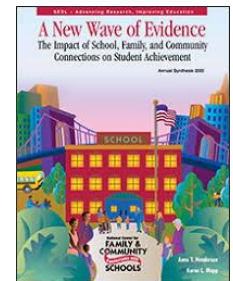


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Alameda Jr./Sr. High School’s Family Engagement Committee (FEC) exists to create a space for parents where they can voice their opinions and learn to be the best advocates for their children in an open environment through coffee chats and brunches.

The goal of the committee was to create a welcoming environment where parents and school staff can work together to discuss the challenges they face when helping students succeed academically.

The principal and family liaisons used the article, [A New Wave of Evidence](#), to focus on the impact of school, family and community connections on student achievement to guide their work in the Committee. The Committee then began working with parents, students, and the community to break down the challenges that they face when helping their students achieve positive outcomes.



Throughout the year, many of the challenges were addressed and led to the school hosting a parent academy. During the academy, professionals and guest speakers shared resources and strategies to help parents, students, administration, and the community work together to learn and grow.

Consistent parent attendance at the coffee chats and brunches was key in evaluating and growing

the FEC. School staff report that the committee helped parents gain information and create a more involved family unit to help the academic success of their children.

