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CHARTER SCHOOL

helping students learn to use their minds well

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PTCA-FACULTY PARTNERSHIP TO PROMOTE PARENT ENGAGEMENT  
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- ANCS strategic plan includes a priority goal to strengthen the partnership between school and parents
- Key initiative aligned with that goal for this year is to **engage in PTCA-faculty collaboration to promote improved understanding and support of ANCS educational program**
- ANCS approach to teaching and learning can be different than the school experience of many parents, therefore, offering ongoing opportunities to learn more about our approach is vital to help parents provide support for their students' learning at home

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- Planning for this initiative began this summer with meetings between new PTCA leadership and principals and continues with regular monthly check-in meetings with PTCA president
- PTCA-Faculty partnership is two-fold:
  1. Faculty members leading or coordinating breakout sessions at regular bimonthly PTCA meetings with session topics jointly determined by PTCA and school leadership
  2. PTCA providing child care support for additional faculty-led learning experiences offered for parents

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## PTCA MEETINGS TO DATE

- *September:* Safe Routes to School
- *November:* GA Milestones, Early Literacy, Conscious Discipline, Intro to IB, K-8 Curriculum Overview
- *January:* Mindfulness at School and at Home

## OTHER PARENT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TO DATE

- *September:* Conscious Discipline parent workshop
- *October:* MAP tests parent workshop; Suicide prevention
- *November:* High school info night
- *December:* Social media and internet safety; IB parent coffee; Open “chats” with the Executive Director

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- Fall parent feedback survey indicates that parents are benefiting from this strengthened partnership based on percentage of affirmative responses to the following prompts:
  - Overall, I am aware of what my student is working on at school: 97%
  - The school effectively communicates about news, events, decisions, and educational issues: 99%
  - Overall, there are meaningful ways for me to be involved in the life of the school as a parent: 98%
- Still looking for ways to increase attendance at these meetings and events as the year continues