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Ian C. Bates for Education Week

“I decided I was going to learn from the families that people were calling ‘hard to reach.’ ”

LESSONS FROM A LEADER

>> Set Clear Goals

Family-engagement policies need clear success indicators for families and students. Use tools like school improvement plans and teacher- and parent-survey data to guide staff training and support efforts.

>> Share Responsibility

Share decisionmaking and show a willingness to share the speaker’s stage. Create and sustain meaningful platforms to give district and school staff opportunities to listen and learn from families and students.

>> Value Relationships

Data, research, and policies are important. But there’s no match for the value that comes from strong, empowering relationships between educators, students, and their families.