

How Unions and Districts Can Collaborate to Engage Families and Communities

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Unions and School Districts...

- ...can find resources from other organizations and form partnerships to benefit students
(Community Partnerships)
- ...can help communities identify their needs and values related to education in order to focus their advocacy
(Community Conversations)
- ...can sponsor programs that facilitate family community engagement
(Parent Teacher Home Visit Project)

Priority Schools Leading School Change:

Community Partnerships

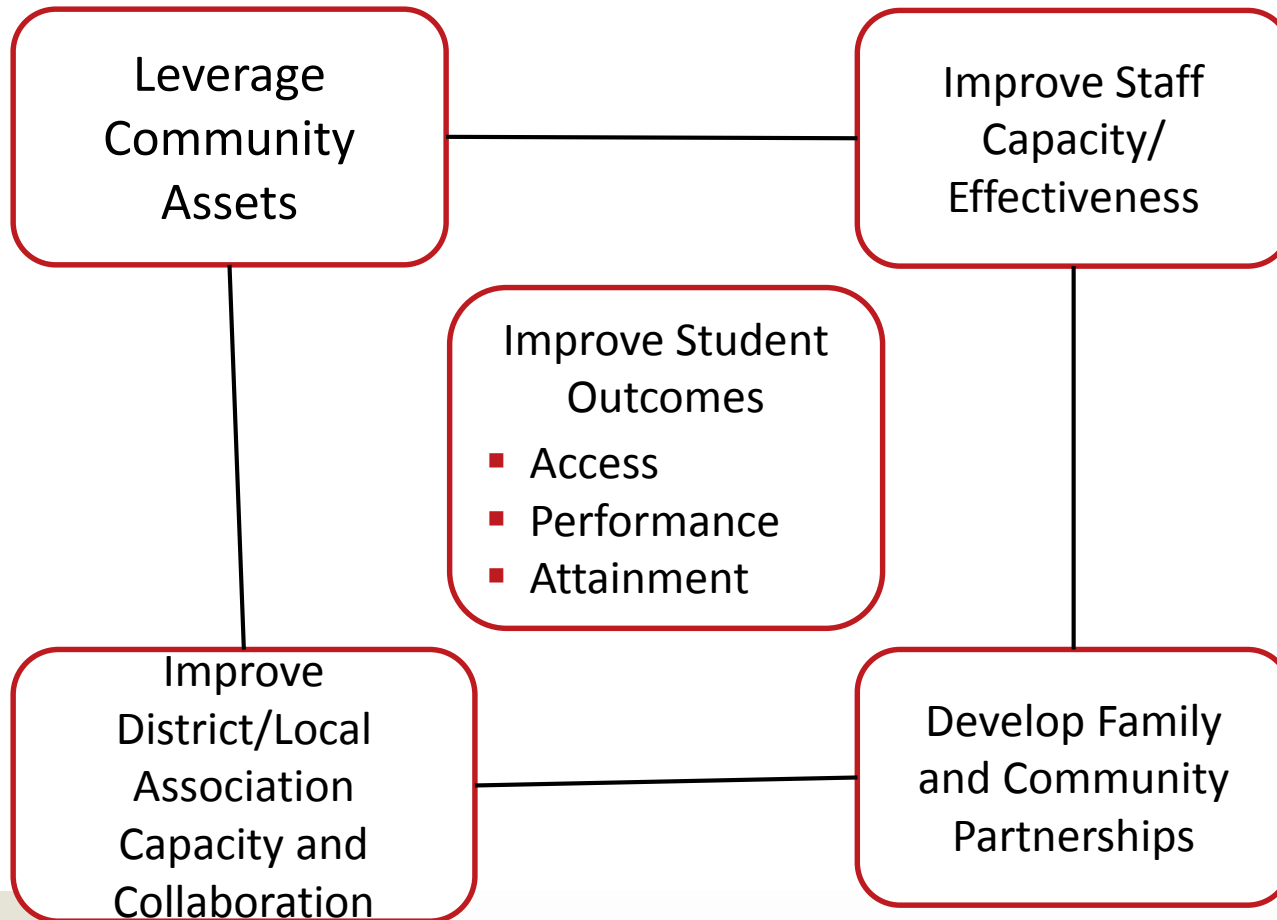
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“What is a Priority School?”

- Priority schools is NEA’s name for a low-performing school. We believe improving their performance should be the nation’s priority.
- In most cases, these schools educate large numbers of racial and ethnic-minority students, students living in poverty, and students who are English language learners.

Research- and Evidence-Based Elements of Change

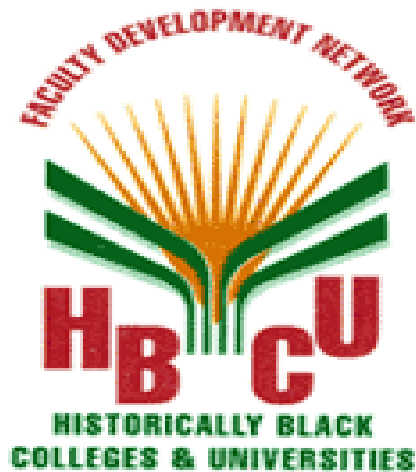
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Community Partnerships Process

- State and Local affiliates conduct a needs assessment
- NEA Community partners are matched with affiliate needs
- NEA provides technical assistance to the community partners and affiliates

The NEA Priority Schools HBCUFDN and POD Partnership

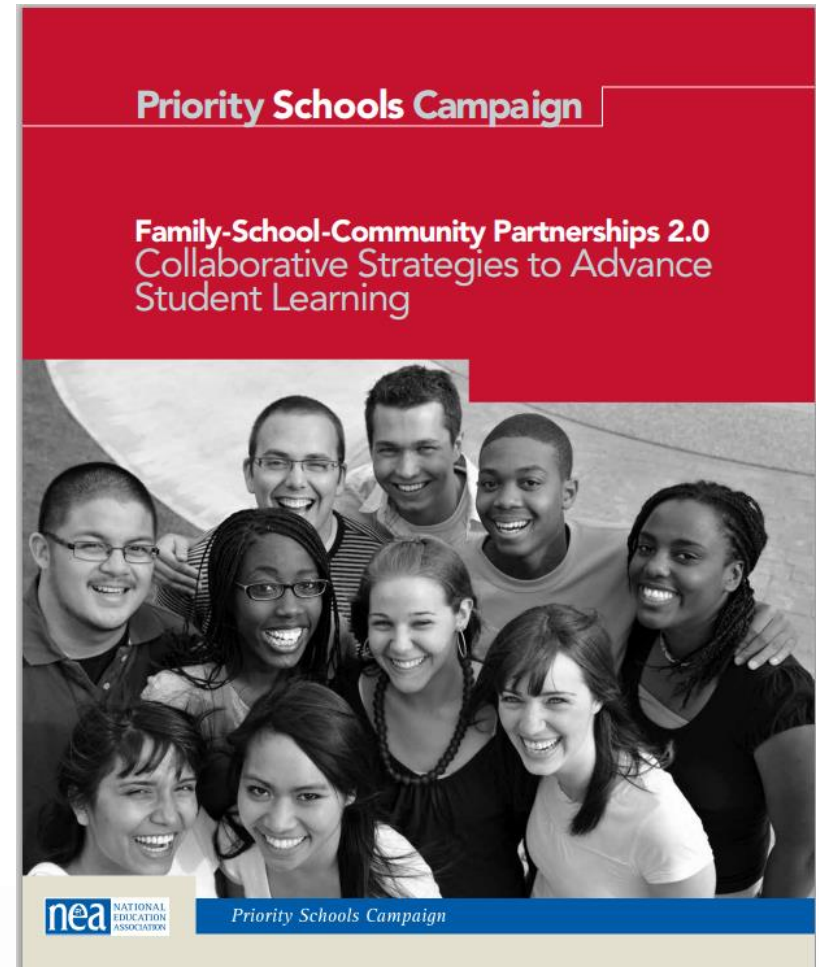


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Parent/Community Strategies

10 Strategies to Build Better Partnerships

Strategy #7 – Building one-to-one relationships between families and educators that are linked to learning: Taking time to have conversations and reach agreement on how best to collaborate in order to improve student achievement.



Resources

- Web: nea.org/priorityschools
 - Resources to Increase Staff Capacity and Student Success
 - Resources to Increase Affiliate and School Leadership Collaboration
 - Resources to Create Community Oriented, Family Focused Schools

