



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Principals
Parent Liaisons

FROM: Aveene Coleman
Interim Director, Office of Student Intervention Services

DATE: February 7, 2023

RE: Spring Family and Community Engagement Webinar Series for Educators

The South Carolina Department of Education together with Carolina Family Engagement Center, and SERVE Region 6 Comprehensive Center at UNC Greensboro, will host a series of free webinars for parent and family engagement educators. The webinars will highlight the five [Family Engagement K-12 Framework Strategies for Success](#) and provide innovative and best practices for engaging, supporting, and partnering with all families.

Please share this information with the appropriate individuals in your district and schools and encourage them to use the links below to register.

Webinar Dates and Registration Link	Webinar Topic
March 1, 2023 11:00 AM–12:00 PM Register Here	<i>Effective Communication Strategies to Engage Middle and High School Families</i> Participants will learn about promising practices being implemented in middle and high schools in Charleston County School District to effectively connect, empower, and engage families and community partners.

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March 8, 2023 11:00 AM–12:00 PM Register Here	<i>Linking Families to Learning Outcomes Strategies to Improve Attendance</i> This webinar will share best practices, successes, and lessons learned from working with elementary and high school attendance teams and families as well as available resources to support efforts to engage families around this issue.
March 15, 2023 11:00 AM–12:00 PM Register Here	<i>Building Relationships to Support Families Before, During, and Afterschool</i> This webinar will provide tools and strategies for building strong relationships with parents and families by creating meaningful and impactful partnerships between school, home, and afterschool.
March 22, 2023 11:00 AM–12:00 PM Register Here	<i>Community Partnerships for Impactful Military Connectedness</i> This webinar will highlight engaging and innovative strategies to support military-connected students and their families through school and district wide initiatives, education and programs, collaborations with local installations, community partnerships and the power of teamwork.
March 29, 2023 11:00 AM–12:00 PM Register Here	<i>Re-imagining the Educational ‘Community’ of the Multilingual Learner Through Collaborative Practice</i> This webinar will address the need for re-imagining the educational ‘community’ of the multilingual learner and how weaving collaborations between educators and multilingual families assists in recognizing often shadowed abilities that can be found in community centered learning.
April 5, 2023 11:00 AM–12:00 PM Register Here	<i>Strengthening the Parent-Teacher Partnership</i> Join us to learn about a new resource, <i>Strengthening the Parent-Teacher Partnership</i> . Author Jane Cofie from Center for Responsive Schools (CRS) will discuss rewards, successes, and challenges of establishing strong partnerships with students’ families and caregivers.

All webinars will be hosted using Microsoft Teams and recorded.

If you have questions, please contact Regina Thurmond, Family and Community Engagement Liaison, at rthurmond@ed.sc.gov.