

# Creating Inclusive Schools through High Impact Relational Home Visits





An Inclusive School is one where parents feel invited to partner with educators in fulfilling their hopes and dreams for their children.



# What is the PTHVP model? What does the research tell us about the benefit to:

- Parents and Students
- Educators
- Districts

What's happening in Springfield and Framingham?



#### Mission:

To increase student and school success by building and sustaining a national network of partners who implement and advance our relationship-building home visit model of family and teacher engagement in public schools across the U.S.

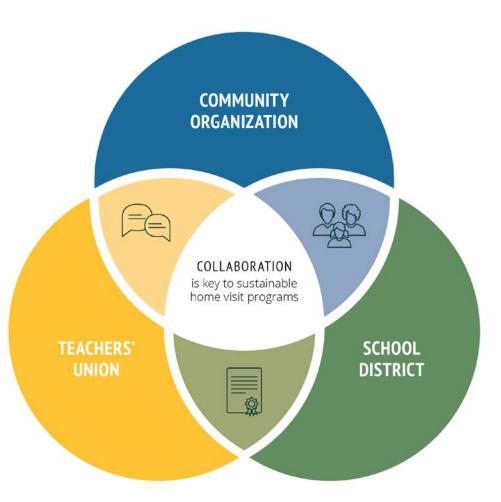


#### Vision:

The PTHV model will be implemented with fidelity at scale, leading to increased academic and social success for students. The growing body of evidence of effectiveness will drive demand for the model.



# History: A Collaborative Effort



- Began in SCUSD in 1997 as a community organizing strategy with Sacramento ACT
- 2 years of focus groups
- Launched pilot project in 1998 with 8 Sacramento schools



#### From Grassroots to National Model



- PTHV National Network trained **7,054** staff members
  - We expanded to over 600 participating schools in 19 states and Washington, D.C.
- Together, we conducted over **51,468** relationship-building home visits
  - 1,500 of these visits were conducted in Massachusetts:
    - In Boston, Springfield, Lawrence, and Salem
      - And now in Framingham



## PreK – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### **OUR MODEL**





# Home Visit Impact: A Critical Link to Learning

Teachers use the knowledge and relationships gained in visits as a foundation on which to build curricular and teaching strategies that best serve each student.



# Non-Negotiable Core Practices

1 VISITS ARE VOLUNTARY FOR ALL

EDUCATORS
ARE TRAINED &
COMPENSATED

WE DON'T TARGET STUDENTS

WE SHARE HOPES, DREAMS, GOALS

EDUCATORS GO IN PAIRS & REFLECT



# Training: Introduction to Home Visits

The core of our 3-hour training program **prepares and certifies educators for Parent Teacher Home Visits**, *including:* 

- Building skills, knowledge, and confidence to conduct relational home visits
- Providing rehearsal/practice in engaging families
- Discussing potential fears (time, safety, mandated reporting)
- Examining culture and cross-cultural connection
- Taking it back to the classroom



# Research-Based Participation Outcomes





# Benefits for Students: 2015 Johns Hopkins University Study

Students who received a home visit--

- Had 24% fewer absences in school
- Were more likely to read at or above grade level
- Had more positive attitudes toward school
- Decreased suspensions
- Increased applications to 2 & 4 year colleges



#### **Benefits for Parents:**

2014 Landscape Evaluation of PTHVP Model Across the US Hueling M. Lee, ED. L.D.

#### **Home Visits:**

- Increase parent involvement
- Facilitate use of culturally responsive strategies
- Bridge teacher-parent relationships, contact and communication as co-educators
- Promote trust and sense of self-efficacy for teachers, parents and students



# Benefits for Teachers: 2014 Goff, Pejsa & Associates

Teachers who conducted home visits reported:

- Increased job satisfaction
- Renewed energy for the profession
- Deeper connections with colleagues
- Increased capacity to better engage students in academics

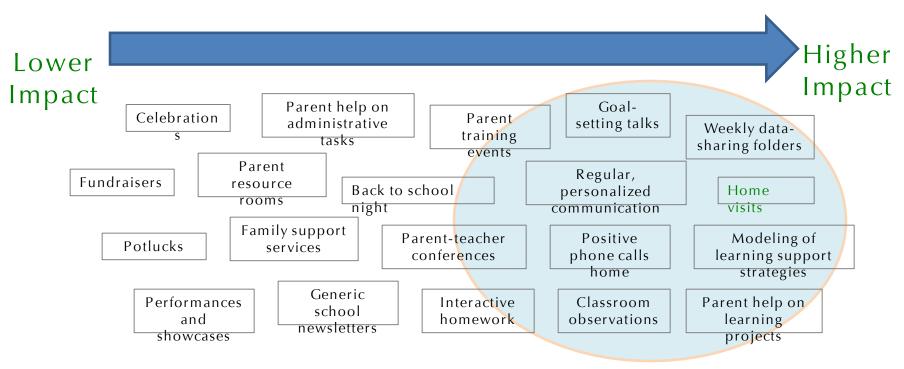


#### Benefits for the District

- Helps ensure success of subsequent interventions to close achievement gaps
- Provides an opportunity for teachers to increase evidence for DESE Standard III: family and community engagement
- Promotes cultural proficiency between schools and the communities they serve
- Strengthens positive parent engagement and advocacy

# High Impact Family Engagement Dr. Karen Mapp, Harvard

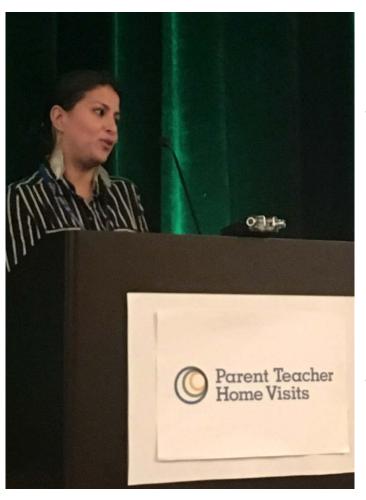
USDOE Framework: Family Engagement Should Be Relational, Build Capacity Of Families <u>and</u> Staff, and Be Linked to Learning



# **PTHVP Framingham Team**



#### Francedy Rodriguez, Framingham Parent



"My 8<sup>th</sup> grade daughter has changed since our home visit from Mr. Marin. She's talking about college and how to build her resume. I want to involve more immigrant families in the program and I'm sure the 'Voice of the Community' could be a huge bridge between us and the families."



#### How Can I?

- Implement effective parent engagement that supports my district's strategic plan and school improvement plans?
- Involve parents who use their voice to partner for their children and for my schools?
- Reinvigorate teachers with better and stronger connections to the families and communities they serve?
- Utilize relational strategies that support student achievement?



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Boston Public Schools
Boston Teachers Union
Framingham Teachers Association
Framingham Public Schools
Jobs with Justice-Massachusetts
Pioneer Valley Project
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Springfield Education Association
Springfield Federation of Paraprofessionals
Springfield Public Schools
Westfield State University
Teacher/Parent Representatives



#### **Our National Partners**

National Education Association
American Federation of Teachers
Scholastic
Institute for Educational Leadership
National Association for Family, School, and
Community Engagement



#### Thank You!

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