

## Enriching Your Experience – January, 2011

### Family Engagement Team Discussion

Utilize the Community Support for Student Success document to facilitate a discussion with your Family Engagement Team. Here are some questions that can help get you started.

- When you hear the word “community,” what images come to mind?
- Who is our school community?
- There are some general benefits of being connected to our school community. What benefits do you see?
- What are general benefits the community gains by connecting with our school?
- What are some ways we might be able to get to know our community?
- What are some common goals and common challenges we share with our community?
  - faith-based organizations
  - Businesses
  - Other neighbors

### Sharing with Other School Staff

The Community Support for Student Success document can be copied and put into staff mailboxes, or sent as an attachment to an e-mail. Below is a note that should be attached to the document before sending or copying. An electronic version of the note can be found on the Family Engagement Weebly.

Staff,

Ensuring that our school and our families are well connected to our community is vital to the success of our students. There are many benefits to the school *and* the community when we come together to work toward a common goal. MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) recognizes the invaluable potential that lies within the school-community relationship and has provided the opportunity to foster this relationship multiple times throughout the framework.

As we move forward, strengthening existing community relationships and fostering new ones, it is important that we have a shared understanding of *what* community is, *who* our community is, and *why* we need to be connected. Attached is some great information that will help us to develop that shared understanding as we implement MTSS. Please take a look!

Thank you,

Family Engagement Team