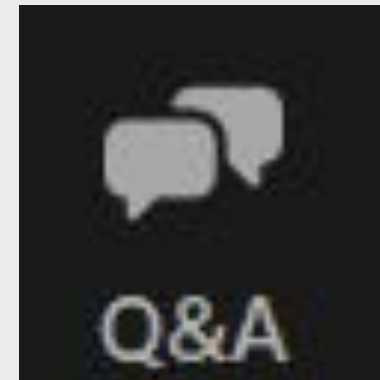
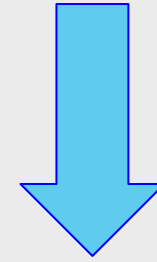


Parents as Decision-Making Partners

Amber Families this webinar will begin in a few minutes!



This meeting is a webinar. Once the host starts the meeting, video of the host will appear and you will hear them. Your audio will be turned off, so if you would like to ask the speaker a question click on the Q&A button at the bottom of your screen. Click on “Ask a Question” then type in your question. Questions will be read and answered at the end of the presentation.



UNIDOS US PARENT WEBINAR

AMBER CHARTER SCHOOL HAS PARTNERED WITH UNIDOS US FOR A SERIES OF WEBINARS TO GIVE PARENTS TOOLS TO BETTER SUPPORT THEIR CHILD DURING THE PANDEMIC.

THE SERIES WILL CONSIST OF 3 SESSIONS ON THE TOPICS BELOW:

- SESSION 1: USING SOCIAL EMOTIONAL STRATEGIES AT HOME
- SESSION 2: SUPPORTING STUDENT LEARNERS AT HOME
- SESSION 3: PARENTS AS DECISION MAKING PARTNERS

SESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ONCE A MONTH FROM JANUARY - MARCH IN **ENGLISH** AND FROM APRIL - JUNE IN **SPANISH**.



Homework Poll



Purpose

- In this session, parents will learn how to partner with schools in the decision-making process.
- Introduce parents to the concept of site-based decision-making.
- Identify opportunities for parents to engage in decision-making in their community.
- New York City Vote Ranking
- Identify benefits to being an engaged parent under normal circumstances and during the pandemic.

Poll

How did you stay involved
in your child's school before
the pandemic?

**What is
site-based
decision-making?**



Site-Based Decision Making (SBDM)



Site-based decision making (SBMD) is a process for decentralizing decisions to improve the educational outcomes at every school campus through a collaborative effort by which principals, teachers, campus staff, district staff, parents, and community representatives assess educational outcomes of all students, determine goals and strategies, and ensure that strategies are implemented and adjusted to improve student achievement.

- Texas Education Agency

SBDM Breakout Group Discussion



Each group will be asked to consider one part of the definition for site-based decision-making. They should reflect on:

- Why is this important?
- What role do parents play?
- How could this process help them to participate?

Ways our Amber Families play a role in Decision Making

- Participating in both formal and informal Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Attending scheduled student IEP (Individualized Education Plan) meetings to advocate and acquire the services to meet the needs of your child
- Completing ParentSquare surveys about resources needed, such as Chromebooks, or how they are doing with Remote & Hybrid learning
- Completing the DOE (Department of Education) survey and Amber In-school survey to share your perspective on school programming
- Participating in Family and Leadership Hour(coffee chat)
- Attending Renewals-Public Hearing where you can share your experience being a part of the Amber school community
- Serving as a Board Parent Representative to be a representative voice for families
- Participating in Town Halls and expressing concerns and suggestions in the Q & A
- Supporting Student Enrichment Programs such as Honors Choir and Honor Society
- Participating in the Doublegood Popcorn Fundraiser

SBDM Group Discussion Share Out



**Each group will share
some of their SBDM
definition discussion.**



Ways to Get Involved

- Attending school-sponsored orientation events like Back to School Nights
- Volunteering at their student's school
- Participating in school fundraisers that supports student programming
- Becoming regular attendees at School Town Hall Webinars
- Joining a planning committee for school events
- Responding to surveys and other requests for information from the school
- Continuing to attend Padres Comprometidos sessions!



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**Why is it important to stay
involved in your student's
school?**

Here are some great reasons!



Students whose parents are engaged with their schools are more likely to:

- Earn higher grades or test scores
- Graduate from high school and attend college or university
- Develop self-confidence and motivation in the classroom
- Possess better social skills
- Exhibit positive classroom behavior, requiring less redirection.

Challenges for Parents



- Economic barriers that require the parent to work multiple jobs
- Time limitations based on workload or scheduling conflicts
- A fear they lack the knowledge or skills to participate
- Perceived cultural differences between home and school
- General apathy towards students' educational needs



Lend your voice to pandemic-related decisions

- The role parents will play in deciding when students return to school
- The steps the school will take in ensuring student safety
- The mental health support schools will provide to students
- The steps schools will take to inform families of possible outbreaks
- The ways the school will counter stigma and bullying related to COVID-19



New York City Ranked Voting



Voting is one of the most important things we can do to create the world we want for our children and — *bonus!* — parents who involve kids in elections raise civic leaders!

What is Rank Choice Voting

- ▶ In a 2019 Ballot Measure New Yorkers elected to use Ranked Choice Voting
- ▶ Rank Choice Voting (RCV) allows voters to rank up to 5 candidates in order of preference, instead of choosing just one
- ▶ You can still vote for just one candidate if you prefer
- ▶ Here is a video which explains how RCV works

[NYC RANK CHOICE VOTING VIDEO](#)

Action Item

- ▶ Scan this code or send this link (which is the video that we watched earlier) to at least 10 of your NYC friends and family so that they are aware of what RCV is. Ask them to share it with 10 other NYC friends
- ▶ RCV Link: <http://bit.ly/2021RCV>
- ▶ RCV QR Code:



Key Election Dates

- Voter Registration closes May 28th
- Early Voting Begins June 12th
- Absentee Ballot Request Deadline June 15th
- **Primary Elections June 22nd**
- General Elections Nov 2nd

Thank you for participating



- Review our objectives!
- **Share out:** Share one take-away from the session you felt was important in staying engaged with your students school.
- **Homework:** Seek out and attend an online meeting at your child's school or district.
- Final questions and feedback.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR SESSIONS!

PLEASE NOTE:

- ▶ SPANISH SESSIONS BEGIN NEXT MONTH
- ▶ I WILL SEND OUT THE PRE & POST SURVEY LINKS AGAIN!
DON'T FORGET THAT FILLING OUT BOTH GIVES YOU
ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO WIN ANOTHER GIFT CARD.
- ▶ RAFFLE TIME!



Closing & Q & A

