Connection: Creating Social Capital while Supporting Learning

Social capital gained through supportive relationships in the school community drives student success. At the center of these relationships are the connections among the student, the student's teacher(s), and the student's families that form a network of people united in purpose. How do we bring people together and connect them in single-mindedness that fosters environments at school and home where students thrive? We create opportunities for them to connect and support each other in ways that connect to learning.

This module defines and examines the connected roles in the school community and how each relies on the other to support student success. We'll discuss practical ways to connect the people in the school community to each other while focusing on one goal – learning. Module topics include:

- Connecting Families, Students, and Teachers in Conference
- Connecting Families to Resources That Support Families and Student Learning
- Connecting Families, Students, and School Staff through Common Experiences
- Connecting Families and Schools through Home Visits
- Connecting Families and Teachers through Home Gatherings

For subscribers to the ***Family Engagement Tool***, this module will also demonstrate how these concepts relate to the online process in regard to assessing current practices, developing a needs assessment, planning for implementation, and recording and tracking outcomes.

Time Investment: 5-6 hours
Cost: $2,495.00 (Includes training and travel)

The **School Community Network's** Family Engagement Tool (FET) is an online family engagement program developed by the Academic Development Institute. The Building Blocks referenced are categories common to School Community Network programs that are proven to positively impact family engagement outcomes. The resources described are available to subscribers of any of the School Community Network programs. For more information visit our website, www.schoolcommunitynetwork.org.