

UTAH TEAM

STRATEGIC PLAN

VISION

All families in Utah will experience schools as spaces of belonging — spaces where they are welcomed and valued, where they can build relationships and learn with educators, and where their engagement has a positive impact on students and the school.

STRATEGIES



Pilot a Belonging Schools Design Program

We will launch a pilot program to guide district leaders through the process of developing local plans that advance educational equity through family engagement. Family engagement coaches will offer resources, technical assistance, and seed funding to districts as they:

- Develop local teams made up of diverse stakeholders;
- Listen to their local communities;
- Network with and learn from other districts; and
- Create a plan to improve family engagement in the district.



Build an Online Family Engagement Network Hub

We will develop an online hub to host a growing library of resources, tools, and stories related to equity-based family engagement across Utah. We will engage educators, families, and community members from across Utah in contributing to the site. When necessary, we will work with partners to develop needed resources. Key resources on the site can include:

- Helpful frameworks and best practices
- Stories of success and struggle from around the state
- An evolving, crowd-sourced vision for family engagement in Utah
- Tools to evaluate and assess family engagement
- Videos from family engagement “influencers”
- Ways to network with peers from around the state



Convene a State-Wide Family Engagement Collaborative

We will bring together a collaborative group of stakeholders to guide the Belonging Schools Initiative through its initial launch and ongoing research-based evolution. The collaborative will have diverse representation from:

- Public preK-12 and Higher Ed Systems;
- Grassroots community-based and parent-led organizations; and
- Private and non-profit partners.