



**MILWAUKEE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Family Engagement Report

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Five Priorities for Success



Special Education Liaison for Families (SELF)

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SELF Program Training Content

- Special Education Topics
- Strategies to Engage Families
- Communication & Partnerships
- Navigating District Resources



Collaborative Community Partner

- Wisconsin Statewide Parent-Educator Initiative (WSPEI)
- Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA#1)
- MPS Partnership Since 2015-16
- Initial Focus On Training Families Of Children With Special Needs
- Professional Development For Parent Coordinators



Support and Mentoring

Support & Sustainability

- Funding for Parent Stipend
- Leveraging Parent Coordinators
- Training Sessions

SELF Monthly Check-Ins

- Department of Strategic Partnerships & Customer Service
- MPS Specialized Services Department
- WSPEI



Impact of The SELF Program

- Empowering Families
- Parents and Students Become Equal IEP Team Members
- Growing Trust
- SELFs Assist Families Creating Trust At The School Level
- Share Knowledge with Families About:
 - Individualized Education Programs Problem-Solving
 - Resources
 - Unique Programming in MPS



