

Family Involvement and Student Achievement:

Fitting the Pieces Together One District's Journey (LCPS)

A collaborative Effort between
NMPED/SEB and the NM PTI



Parents Reaching Out
Your One Stop Resource for a Stronger Family



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The mission of Parents Reaching Out is to enhance positive outcomes for families and children in New Mexico through informed decision making, advocacy, education, and resources.

Parents Reaching Out provides the networking opportunities for families to connect with and support each other.



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This mission supports all families including those who have children with disabilities, and others who are disenfranchised.

Parents Reaching Out achieves this by:

- **Developing family leadership**
- **Connecting families to each other**
- **Building collaborative partnerships**
- **Providing families knowledge and tools to enhance their power**

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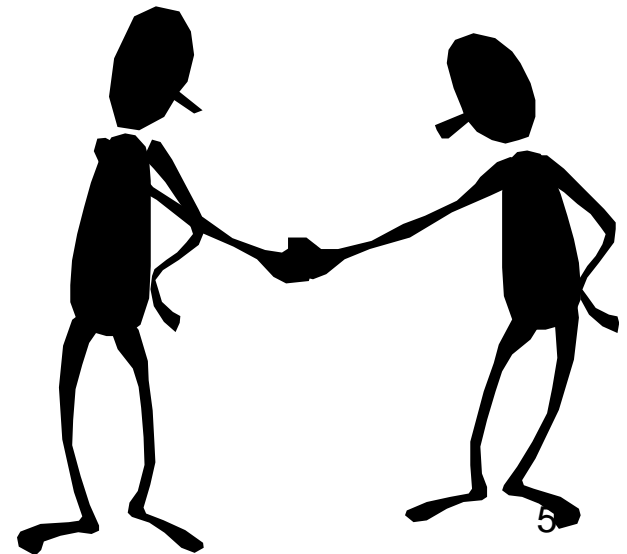
What Is It That We Do?

- ❖ **Founded and operated by families with children who have special needs**
- ❖ **Early Care and Education**
- ❖ **NM PTI**
- ❖ **Systems Change**
- ❖ **NM PIRC**
- ❖ **FLAN**
- ❖ **FFHIC**
- ❖ **Resource Center**

What will you get out of Today?

- ✓ Lots of information
- ✓ A Partner
- ✓ A method of organizing Parent Involvement efforts
- ✓ Research Based Framework
- ✓ Align with EPSS

“Schools Need to Work Smarter—Not Harder!”



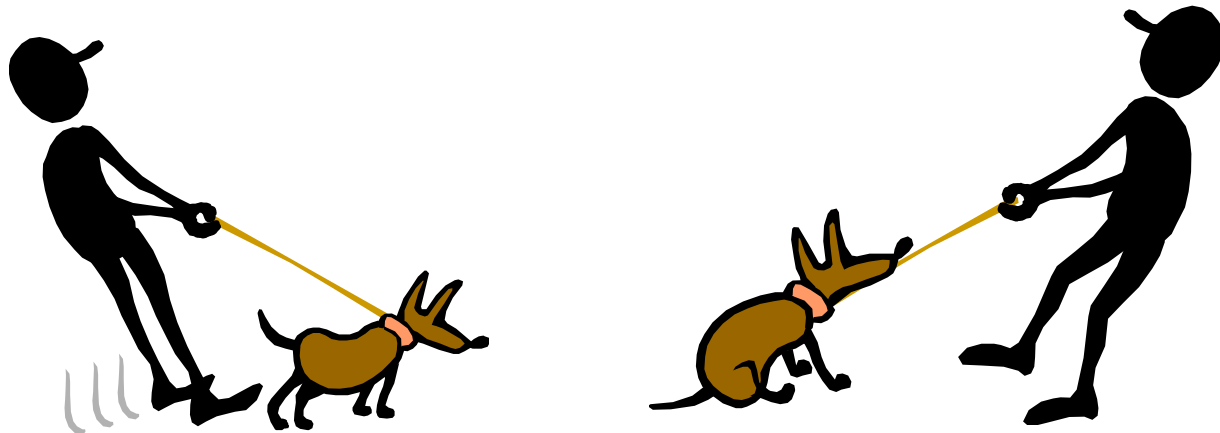
Leadership

An ounce of Prevention is worth a pound of cure!

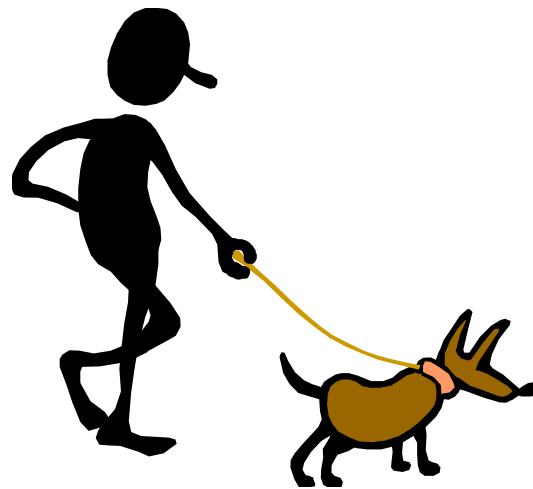
- Be a **Risk Taker**
- Be **Courteous**
- Be **Supportive**
- Be a **Problem Solver**
- Remember **each person is important** - as are their issues!



Not Another Program



Simply Getting Everyone Heading the same direction



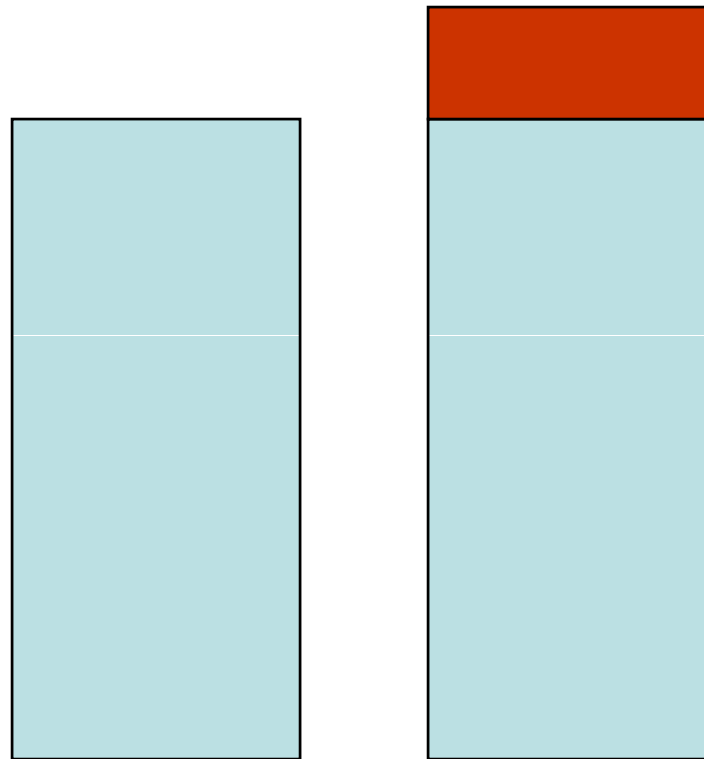
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Why Family Involvement

**Because “Schools Cannot
Do it Alone”!...**

10 % Gain in AYP



Implement the
Epstein model
of Family
Involvement
with
Fidelity

NPSS Handout



Special Education Issues



Here is where we all get stuck!

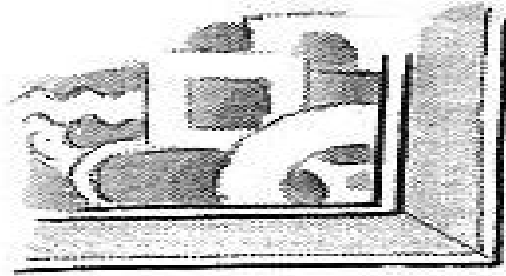


NCLB

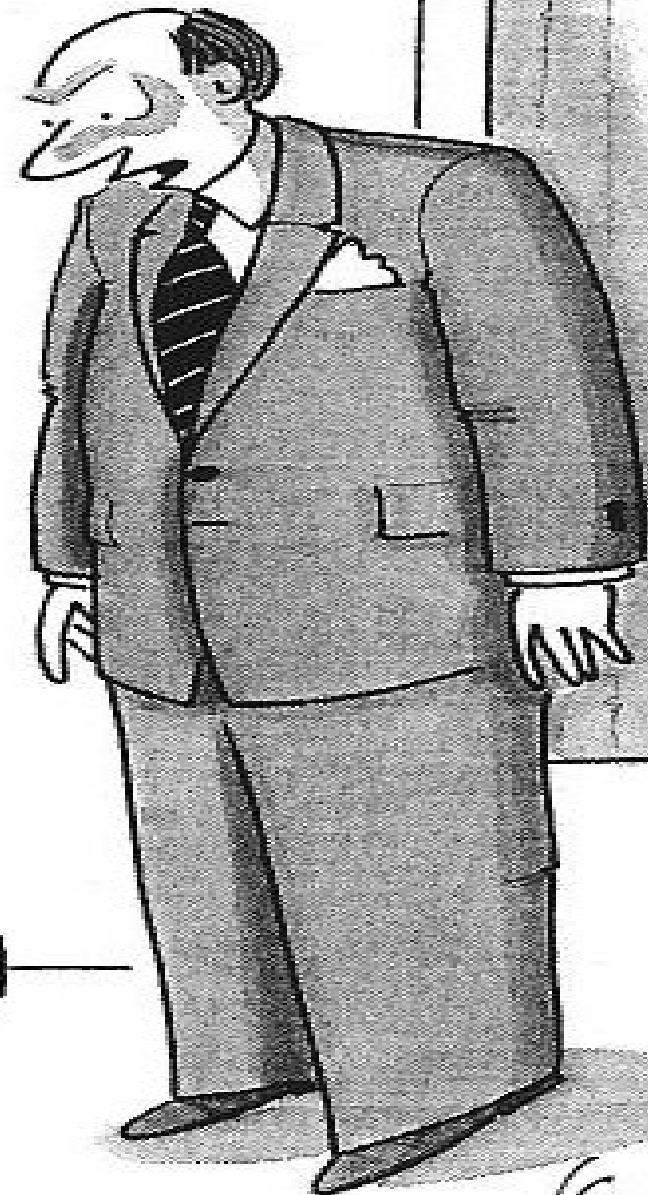
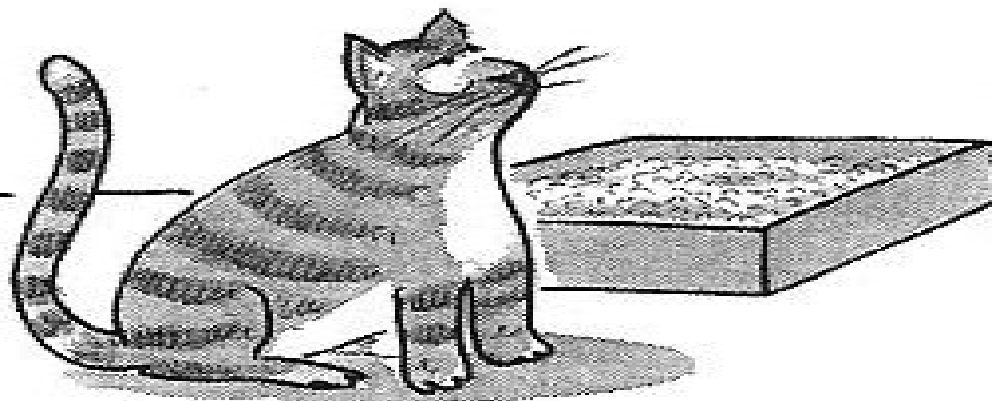
IDEA

AYP

Accountability



***“Never, never think
outside the box!”***



*Go
Cullen*



What does the law say?

➔ Educate Kids

➔ Keep Kids in School

➔ Be Creative

➔ Be Flexible

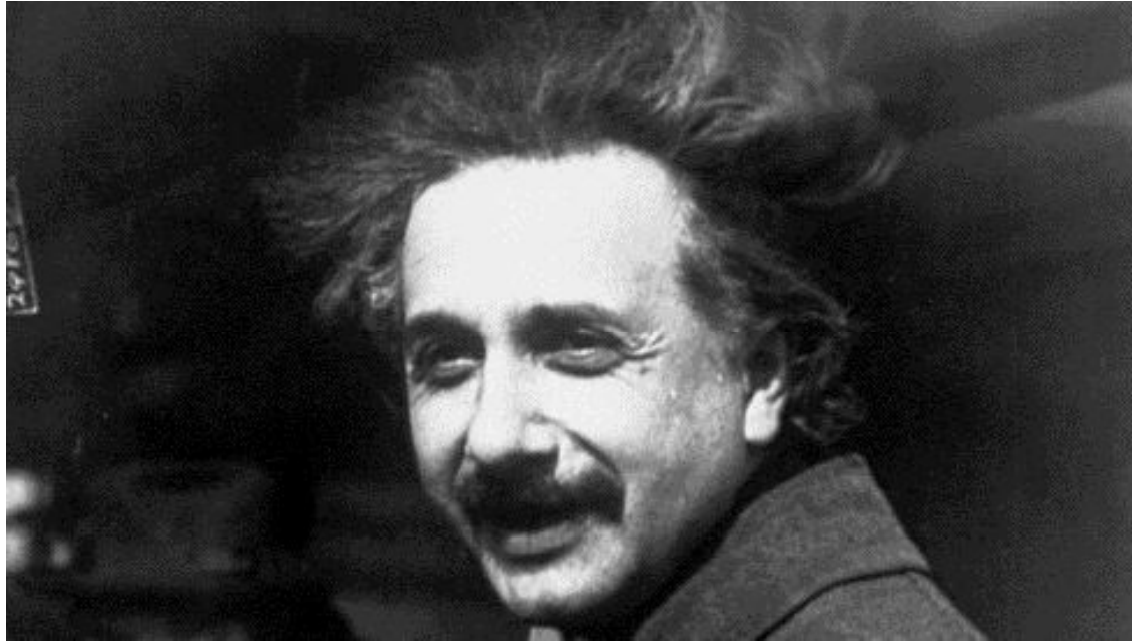
➔ Keep Schools Safe

➔ Use Common Sense

Keys To Family Involvement

- **Sense of Belonging: Welcome families**
- **Competence: Offer opportunities for shared learning**
- **Usefulness: Invite families to become equal partners**





The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.

Albert Einstein



Legal Requirements

- **NCLB Requirements**
- **NM House Bill 212**
- **New Mexico Toolkit issued by the NM Public Education Department**



NCLB Requirements

- **School Compact**
- **Jointly Develop School Policy**
- **Annual Evaluation**
- **Involve Parents in School Activities**



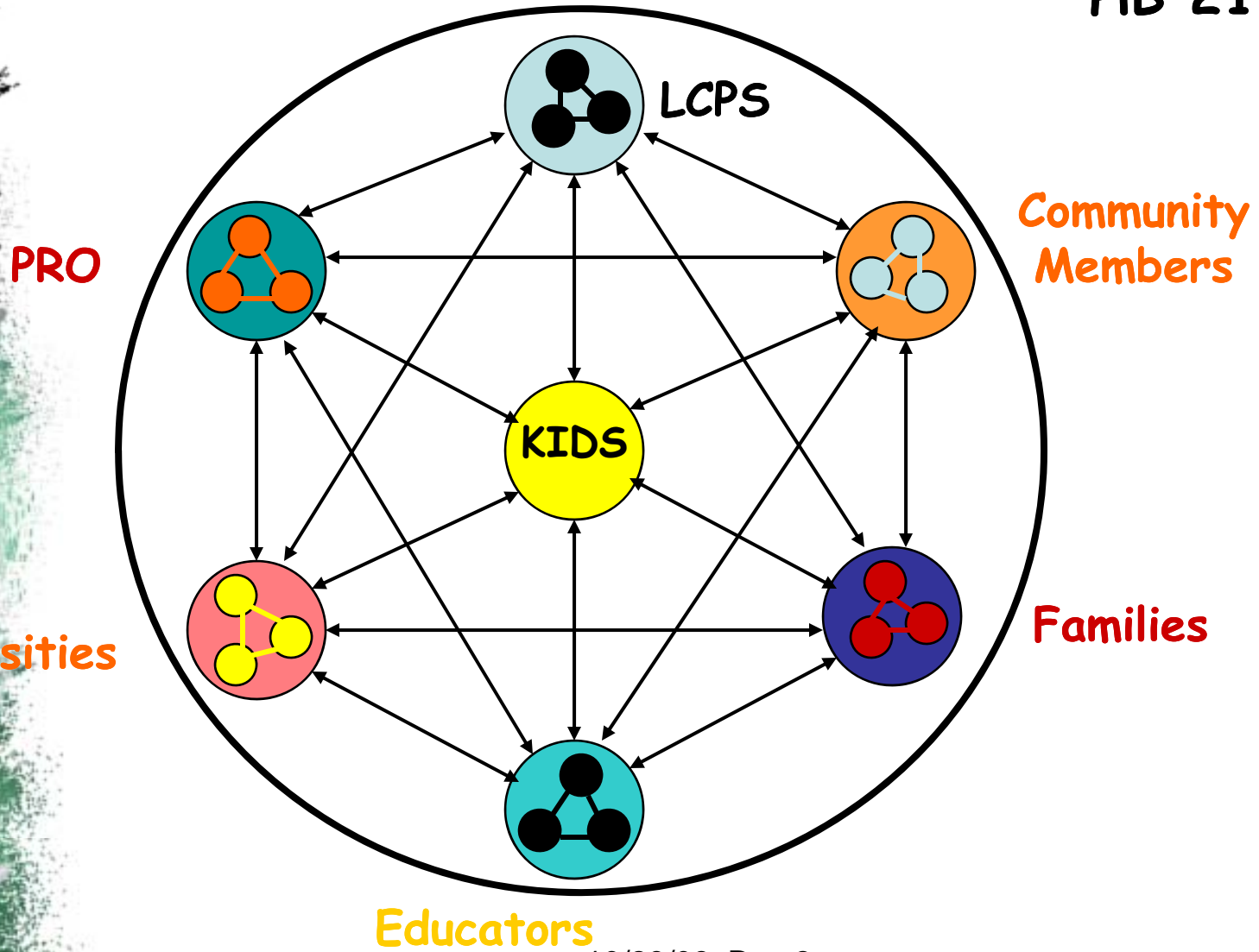
House Bill 212

- **Advisory School Council**
 - ***Work with Principal***
 - Budget
 - Rules
 - Policies
 - Instructional Issues
 - Curricula
 - Involve Parents
 - ***Work With Community Partners***

We are **CRITICAL PARTNERS** and our Goal is to **IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR ALL FAMILIES** and their **CHILDREN**.

Advisory School Council

HB 212





NM Toolkit / Epstein Model Action Team

- **Parenting**
- **Communicating**
- **Volunteering**
- **Learning at Home**
- **Decision Making**
- **Collaboration**

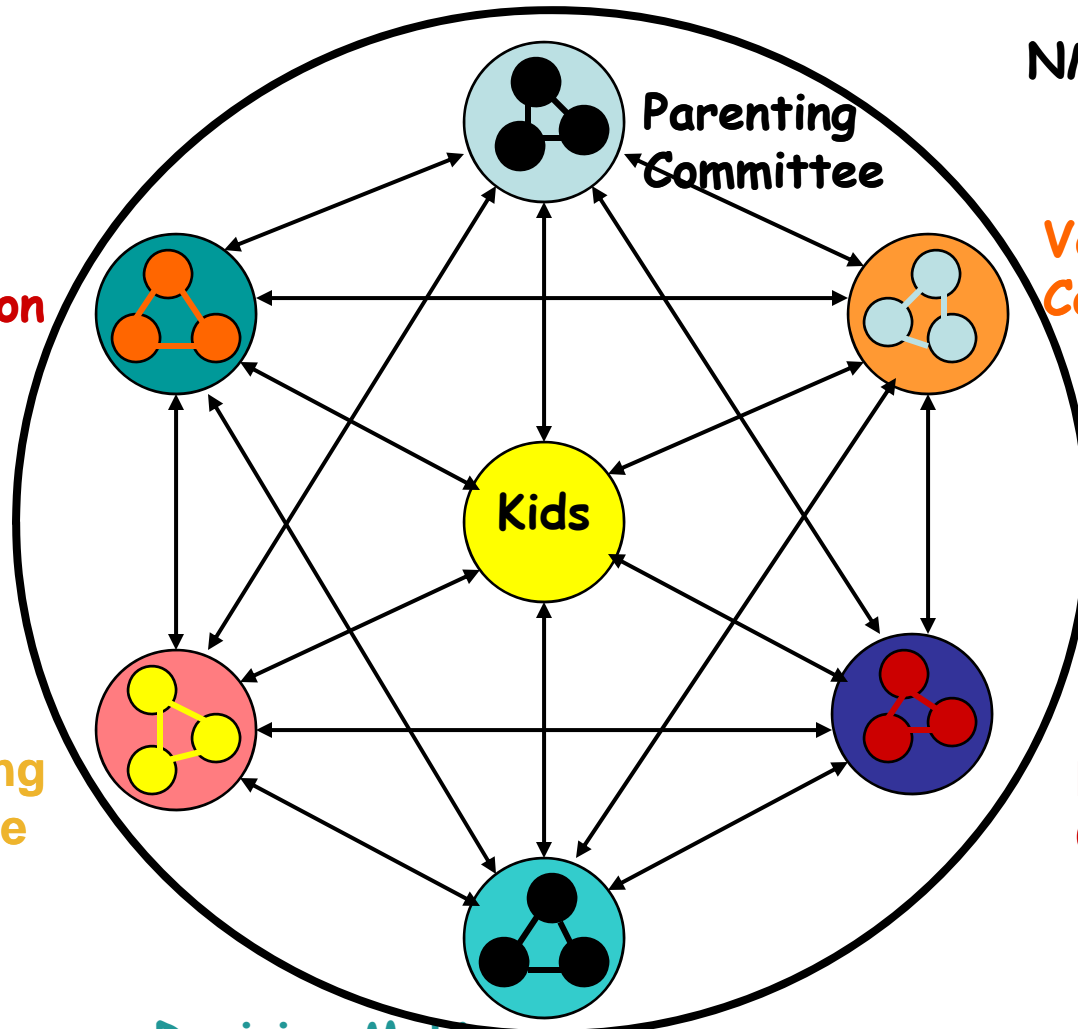
ACTION TEAMS

Focus on the EPSS

NCLB

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NMPED Toolkit



Collaboration Committee

Volunteering Committee

Communicating Committee

Learning at Home Committee

Decision Making Committee

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What the NMPIRC Offers...

- Partnership (Flexibility)
- Work Within the current school structure
- Work with ALL groups
(ENLACE, Goal Teams, Appleseed, Universities, PTA, PTO)
- Plan/MOU defining roles
- T/A - Mentoring





MOU (Overview)

WHY?

- **Districts role**
 - ***Schools Role***
- **NM PIRC's Role**
 - ***Provide Workshops***
 - ***Mentoring***



NM PIRC'S Role (MOU)

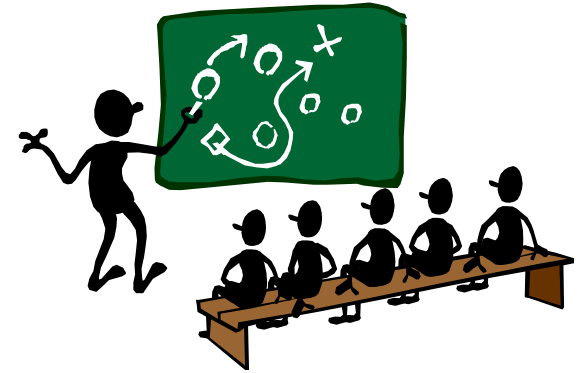
- **Provide T/A in the implementation Parental Involvement**
- **Collaborate to support each school's (EPSS).**
- **Provide T/A for implementation of Action Teams for Partnerships (ATPs)**



Schools Role (MOU) Cont...

- *Identify Action Team Members*
- *Advise/assist the ATP,*
- *Express the expectations*
- *Will assure ATP members are available*
- *Provide snacks*
- *Provide access to office*
- *Provide a Family Room / Resource Center*

Expected Outcome



- **Higher Achievement**
- **Meet the Requirements of the Laws**
- **Families Involved in the Life of the Schools**
- **Community Support For Schools**
- **Less Work for Administrators**

Is it worth it?

