

## RAISE THE BAR (PARENTS)

Dear Teachers and Principals,

As active parents, we are so grateful to you for the work you do every day supporting and educating our children. Each of us believes deeply in the power of families working collaboratively with teachers to raise the bar for our children.

We want your feedback on how this pilot website can be enhanced. Please tell us how you think that the next version, which will be out later this year, can best help parents to be strong partners to you in supporting our children's education

Read on for more background on this project...

To help raise the bar for our kids, we are taking action on what we hear from so many teachers will make a difference: deepening our involvement in our children's education. That's why we started Raise the Bar - a community of parents committed to high expectations and support to ensure our children's

educational success. We are working to provide ways for parents to understand how our children are doing, how parents can help at home, and suggestions for collaborating with you. We aim to work with you to raise the bar for students.

Many of us are also educators – including as part of a teacher and principal fellowship helping to raise the bar in education nationwide. As we develop our website and build our community, we ground this project in several principles. Promote meaningful family involvement in education. Honor and tap educator expertise. Keep getting better by listening to feedback and ideas from parents and educators at every step.

We welcome you to our pilot website. Here you will find tools like our Educational Check Up and examples of student work to share with parents. Feel free to sign in, try out our offerings and join our community!

We also invite you to learn more about our <u>national fellowship of excellent</u> <u>teachers and principals</u> – we are accepting applications for new fellows now at https://apply.americaachieves.org/.

Again, we welcome your specific feedback and ideas to help ensure that what we offer supports parents, students, and you. Please be in touch by <u>clicking here</u>.

Thank you for what you do to help our children, our communities and our country.

With appreciation,

The Raise the Bar Team