SB13-193 INCREASING PARENT ENGAGEMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Passed by the Colorado Legislature on May 28, 2013 and went into effect immediately.

Purpose of the bill: To increase parent engagement in public schools by enhancing SB09-90 (Parent Involvement in Education) and SB09-163 (Educational Accountability) and to help SACPIE (State Advisory Committee on Parent Involvement in Education) accomplish its mission established by SB09-90 by:
  A. Improving parent engagement on accountability committees.
  B. Increasing accountability committees' participation in school improvement.
  C. Providing additional resources for SACPIE and CDE to work with districts on parent engagement.
  D. Enhancing school districts' focus on parent engagement.

How it does A – Improving parent engagement on accountability committees:
- Promotes opportunities for parents pt participate on accountability committees.
- Gives SACPIE more resources to help accountability committees recruit parents and implement best practices for parent engagement.

How it does B – Increasing accountability committees' participation in school improvement:
- Makes accountability committees' role more meaningful in advising on priority improvement and turnaround plans.
- Assists school personnel in working with parents in statutorily required ways, such as creating READ (Reading to Ensure Academic Development) plans and ICAPs (Individual Career and Academic Plan).

How it does C – Providing additional resources for SACPOE and CDE to work with districts on parent engagement:
- Gives SACPIE more resources for member participation in meetings and trainings.
- Gives CDE more resources for working with SACPIE for regional trainings on parent leadership and best practices for increasing parent engagement.

How it does D – Enhancing school districts' focus on parent engagement:
- Requires districts to adopt a policy for increasing and supporting parent engagement.
- Requires districts to have personnel to support parent engagement.