

## WHY PARTNERSHIPS ARE IMPORTANT IN MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS

Research shows that . . .

- **Students tend to do better on achievement tests, report card grades, attendance, behavior, and postsecondary plans if their parents are involved in their education.**
- **Adolescents are more likely to avoid risky or negative behaviors (e.g., alcohol or drug abuse, violence) if they feel connected to their families.**
- **Partnership activities can help create safer schools.**
- **Curriculum-related family involvement, such as interactive homework, can help students improve academic skills in specific subjects.**
- **High-performing middle and high schools inform and involve parents and community partners as a planned part of their programs.**
- **Parents want to be involved and influential in their teens' education.**
- **Students in middle and high schools want their parents involved in meaningful ways.**
- **When schools reach out to involve families, more parents become involved.**