



## Working with families

- A) Take 5-10 minutes to reflect on the following statements. How do you see them in your school community? Please mark the current state on the lines below with X.
- B) Next, reflect on the same statements again. Where would you want your community to be regarding each statement? Please mark this place on the lines with I.

Totally untrue

Totally true

1. Family members are invited to take part in school's activities.

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2. Family members feel welcome at school.

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3. Communication between school and families is mindful of diverse family backgrounds.

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4. All families are equally encouraged to support their child's learning.

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5. School curriculum appreciates the diversity of students' families.

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6. School supports interaction between families of different backgrounds.

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7. School creates mutual trust and respect with families.

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8. School uses multiple ways of communication (e.g. many languages, pictures, videos, various communication channels) to reach and enable involvement of all families.

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c) Use the guiding questions to reflect on your previous answers.

Guiding question	Reflections
<p>1. In which statement(s) were the current and desired states closest to each other?</p> <p>Reflect on your school community from this perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What are the strengths that you would like to hold on to?</li><li>• What would you develop further?</li></ul>	
<p>2. In which statement(s) were the current and desired states furthest from each other?</p> <p>Reflect on your school community from this perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can you see any strengths in this matter?</li><li>• What would you change?</li></ul>	
<p>3. How can you ensure that all families are involved in planning and making decisions related to their child's learning?</p> <p>Reflect on your school community from this perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Where are you at the moment with this?</li><li>• What would you change?</li></ul>	

