

State School Superintendent Richard Woods's message to Georgia families in honor of November, Family Engagement Month in Georgia.

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Dear Georgia families,

As we welcome November, I am honored to celebrate Family Engagement Month in Georgia—a time to recognize the critical role you play in your child's education. Family engagement is the foundation for a child's academic success, and we at the Georgia Department of Education are committed to supporting the partnership between families and schools.

You are our children's first and most important teachers, and your dedication to their learning is evident in the achievements we celebrate in classrooms across the state. Research shows that when families are actively involved in their child's education, students have higher grades, better attendance, and greater self-confidence.

This month, I encourage you to take time to connect with your child's teachers, engage in their learning activities, and explore opportunities for involvement in your local school community. From reading together at home to attending school events and staying informed about your child's progress, every moment you spend with them supports their growth.

Our mission at GaDOE is to ensure that every child in Georgia has access to a high-quality education, and we know that strong family partnerships are essential to achieving this goal. Whether through family resource centers, parent-teacher conferences, or simply a conversation about school at the dinner table, you are a valued partner in the work we do.

Thank you, Georgia families, for all you do, not only this month but throughout the year, to support your child's educational journey. Your commitment and involvement inspire us all to keep pushing forward and doing what is best for Georgia's children.

With gratitude,



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