

Parent Leadership: A Focus on Achievement

The Parent Leadership Institute
Network of Michigan (PLIN)



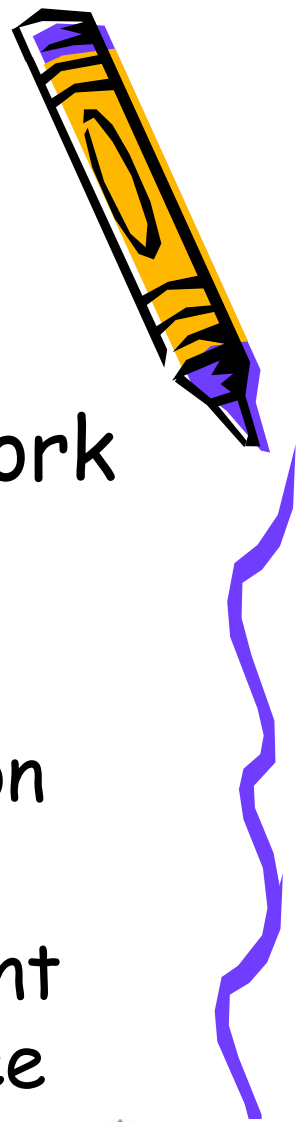
PLIN & MFEL

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What is the PLIN?

- Parent Leadership Institute Network of Michigan
 - Parent Leadership Training Program
 - A program of the Michigan Foundation for Education Leadership
 - An affiliation of the Center for Parent Leadership of the Prichard Committee



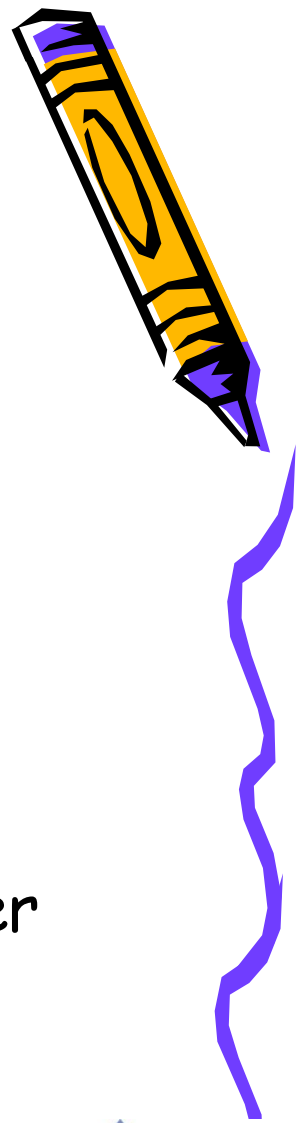
Why Leadership Training for Parents?



- Leadership training exists for many of the valued partners in education, such as, teachers, administrators, and school board members.
- Parents who graduate this program are more comfortable in the schools because of greater knowledge.



Parent Leadership vs. Parent Involvement



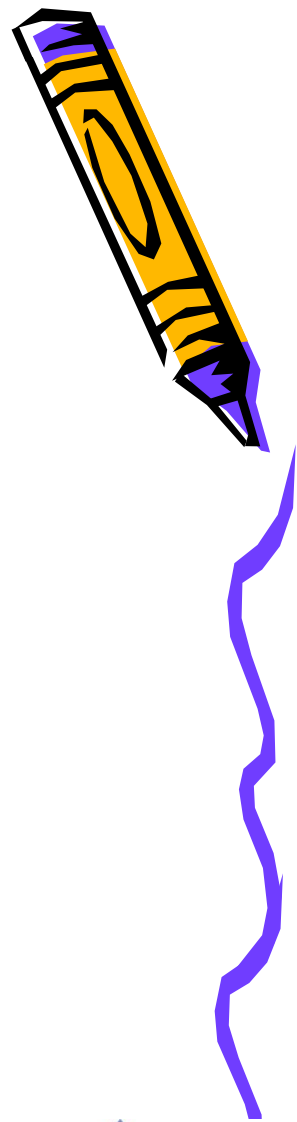
- Parent Involvement is important!
- Parent Leadership takes it one step further:
 - Focus is on student achievement for ALL students
 - Form a network of parents to work together
 - Serve as a resource to other parents



Coaching is Key!

Our Community Support Coordinators:

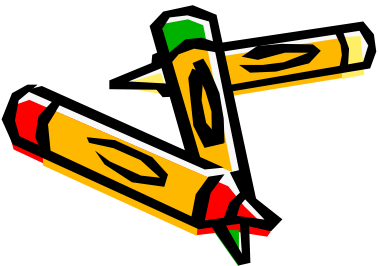
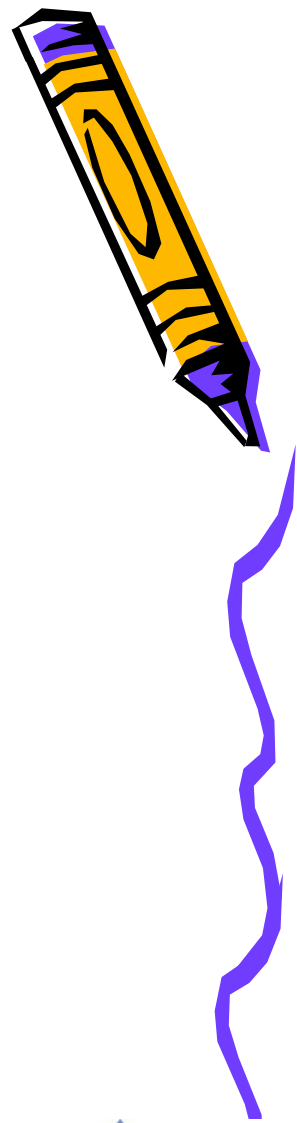
- Becky Mehall
 - Jackson and Lansing
- Sanita Virgil
 - Battle Creek
- Job Responsibilities
 - Recruit
 - Train
 - Coach



Coaching

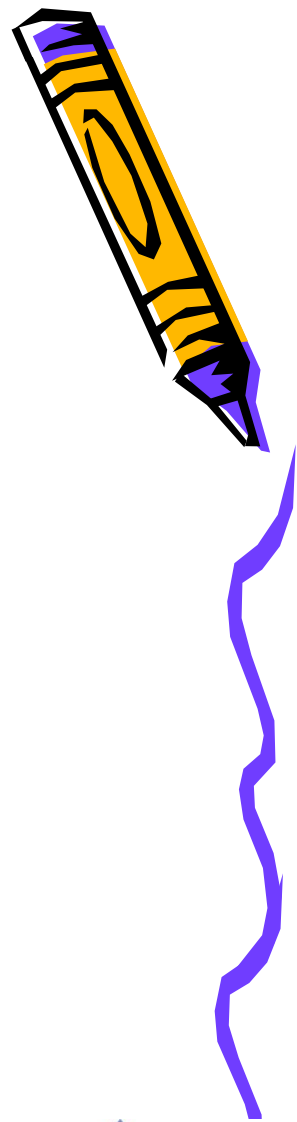
Community Support Coordinators

- Phase I
 - Train Parents
 - Assist with Project Design
- Phase II
 - Guide through project implementation
 - Help resolve challenges for parents as leaders
- Phase III
 - Evaluate effectiveness of project
 - Maintain contact and build network of parents

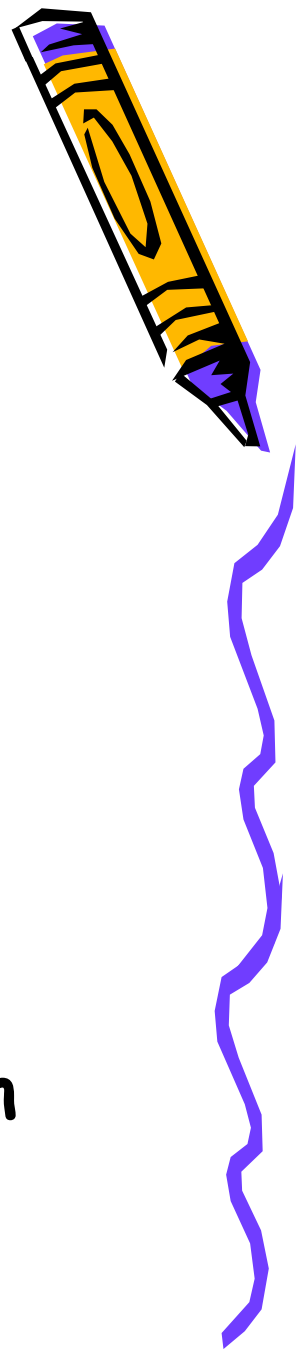


Session A: January

- Training
 - Learning Styles
 - Parent Engagement
 - Michigan Story & NCLB
 - School Specific Data



Collaboration Counts!



1 parent = a fruitcake

2 parents = a fruitcake and a friend

3 parents = troublemakers

5 parents = let's have a meeting

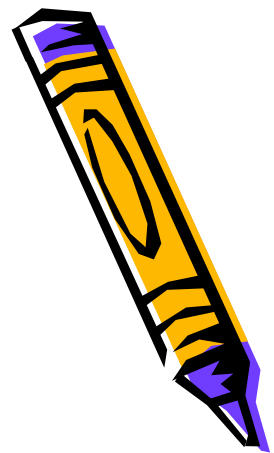
10 parents = we'd better listen

25 parents = our dear friends

50 parents = a powerful organization



The Michigan Education Story



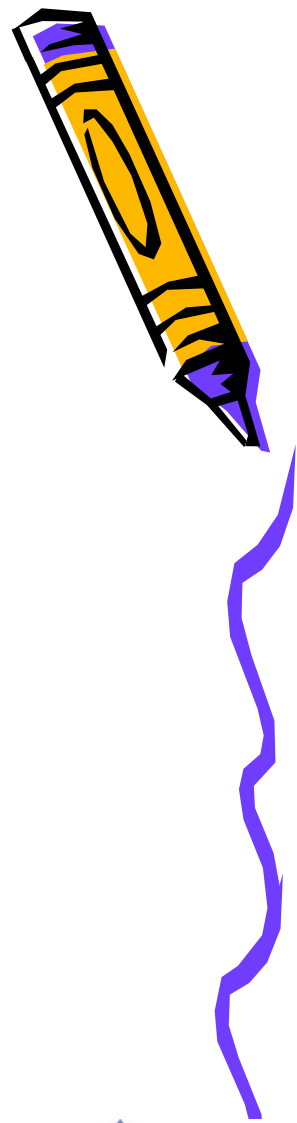
Michigan Curriculum:

- Accessing & Evaluating Data
- Understanding the MME, MEAP, and NAEP
- Learning Benchmarks and Standards
- Reviewing the GLCE's and HSCE
- Michigan State University Data Specialist, Betty Landauer-Menchik
- Michigan Department of Education



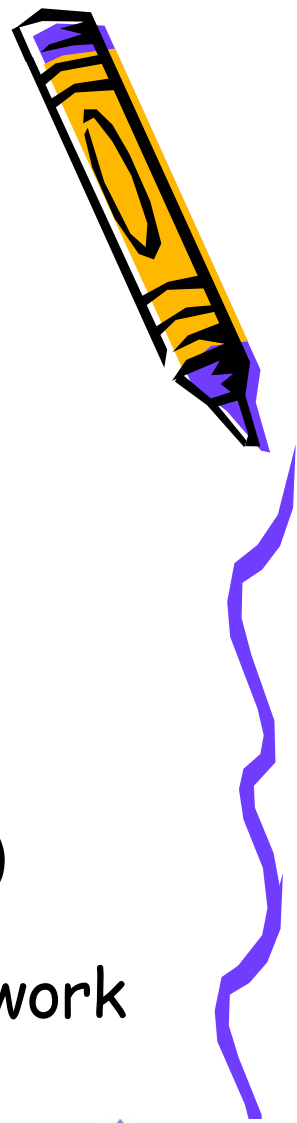
Session A: Homework

- Welcoming School Scavenger Hunt
- Parent Version School Report Card
- School Version School Report Card
- School Improvement Plan



Session B: February

- Homework Review & Data
- School Improvement Planning
- Parent Involvement
- Leadership Training
 - Enhancing Effectiveness
 - QFT (Question Formulation Technique) Evaluation
 - Behavioral Styles Inventory & How to work with others
 - Power & Authority



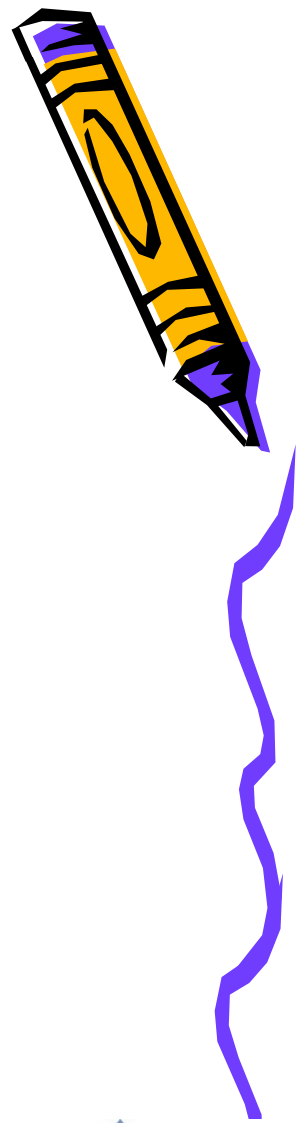
Session B Homework

- Sit down with School Principal
- Perform QFT on a program in your district
- Bring institute referrals
- Homework is graded on a rubric



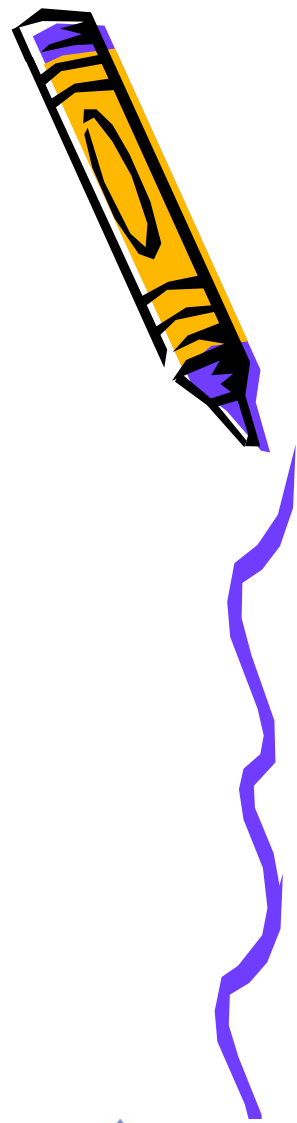
Session C: March

- Homework Review & Data
- Advocacy, Media, and Government
- Project Planning:
 - Priority Need
 - Project Brainstorming
 - Project Model
 - Project Design with Mentoring
 - Project Details with Mentoring
- Round Table Networking
- Schedule First Coaching Session & Project Review
- Commencement



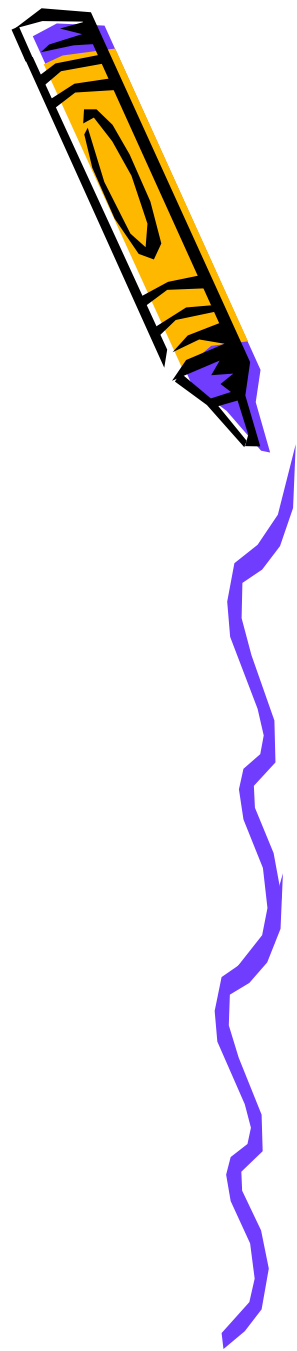
Resources for Parents

- Lending Library
- Round Table Presentations
- Reference Materials
- Information Gallery
- Interactive Website for Parents under development
- On-going updates from PLIN



Project Criteria

- Student Achievement
- Parental Involvement
- Lasting Impact



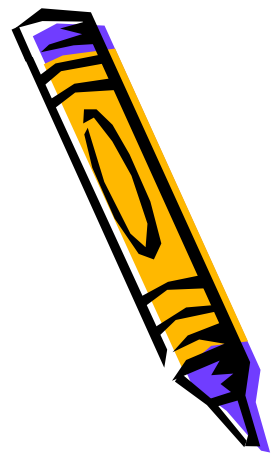
Execution of Projects



- Complete Project Review
- Apply for Mini Grants
- Create a Measurable Impact on Students
- Create a Sustainable Project to help all students
- Use Data to Evaluate the Project




PLIN Fellows Panel



- Linda Lee Williams
 - Waverly Public Schools
- Shannon Lewis
 - Battle Creek Public Schools
- Jill Lawler
 - Lansing Public Schools
- Felicia Reeves
 - Battle Creek Public Schools





Education is not the filling of a pail,
but a lighting of a fire.

~William Butler Yeats



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