

CLOSING THE GAP ACTION PLAN

School District: Pekin Public School District 108

Area: Community Involvement

Goal: Enhance community communications and collaboration.

Current Reality:

- Traditional open communications exist between the home and school.
- Use of electronic communications as a means to highlight school initiatives is emerging
- Involvement of non-parents in school initiatives is currently limited
- Community does not have access to technology and few collaborative projects are currently in place

Gap Analysis/Identified Needs:

- Expand communication efforts beyond parents and wider community
- Get a broader base of community involvement in school initiatives
- Pursue avenues to include wider community involvement in planning, implementation, and evaluation processes to gain additional support
- Expand electronic communication possibilities between the school/home/community

Strategies for Closing the Gap (Include Phase I, Phase II, and Phase III Activities)	Person(s) Responsible	Estimated Cost/ Funding Source	Timeframe
PHASE I ACTIVITIES			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Restructure building webmaster expectations 2. Investigate expanding the current phone system menu system to encourage parent/community interaction (see Appendix for phone system specs and list of possibilities) 3. Partner with Insight Communications and Pekin High School for cable TV access 4. Include community members in the District Instructional Leadership Team (see Appendix for purpose and membership information) 	Angela Arnold District and Building Level Administrators	Tech Budget Webmaster Stipend and Training \$25,000	FY03
PHASE II ACTIVITIES			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Redevelop building websites as data collection repositories 2. Utilize phone system menu to enhance communication with the community 3. Partner with Insight Communications and Pekin High School for cable TV access 4. Include community members in the District Instructional Leadership Team (see Appendix for purpose and membership information) 	Angela Arnold District and Building Level Administrators	Tech Budget Webmaster Stipend and Training \$25,000	FY04

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PHASE III ACTIVITIES			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluate building websites development 2. Utilize phone system menu to enhance communication with the community 3. Partner with Insight Communications and Pekin High School for cable TV access 4. Include community members in the District Instructional Leadership Team (see Appendix for purpose and membership information) 	Angela Arnold District and Building Level Administrators	Tech Budget Webmaster Stipend and Training \$25,000	FY05

Expected Results (Qualitative)	Success Indicators (Quantitative)
<p>Each of the strategies will be implemented at the district level and for all schools and will continue to be addressed throughout this plan. It is expected that overall communication between staff and the community will improve. Each strategy is annually evaluated and changes are made as necessary.</p>	<p>DISTRICT AND BUILDING LEVEL WEBSITES WILL BECOME DATA COLLECTION REPOSITORIES District Website Address: http://www.pekin.net/pekin108</p> <p>PHONE SYSTEM WILL BE EXPANDED TO MAKE USE OF MENU OPTIONS AVAILABLE</p> <p>PARTNERSHIP WITH CABLE COMPANY WILL PROVIDE COMMUNITY ACCESS TO UPCOMING EVENTS IN DISTRICT 108</p> <p>COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP ON DILT COMMITTEES WILL PROVIDE COMMUNITY INPUT IN DISTRICT ISSUES, INCLUDING TECHNOLOGY</p>