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Seattle Public Schools seeks nominations for its Student Family Partnership Advisory Committee

Deadline is Monday, September 21

Seattle – Seattle Public Schools is actively seeking nominations for its Student Family Partnership Advisory Committee. The committee will be comprised of parents/families/guardians who reflect the diversity of Seattle Public Schools families. The committee advises the Superintendent on the implementation of School-Family Partnerships Policy (E10.01) while also providing support and technical assistance to District schools in using family and community engagement national best practices.

Seattle Public Schools is committed to providing an excellent education for every student and we are dedicated to preparing every student to graduate from high school ready for college, careers and life. The District's strategic plan, *Excellence for All*, focuses on raising student achievement by ensuring excellence in every classroom, strengthening leadership throughout the district and building an infrastructure that works well. Community engagement is one of the key strategies of *Excellence for All* and we are committed to working with families and community members to create a truly excellent school district for each and every student.

The Student Family Partnership Advisory Committee will consist of up to thirty parents/guardians and family members representing the diverse population of the District. Consideration will be given to involve those community members and groups who have not historically been active or represented in District decision-making processes, as well as representation by individuals of differing gender, ethnicity, race, age, geography and stakeholder interest groups.

The initial term of membership to the committee is October 2009 – October 2010. The committee's work involves one to two meetings a month, a presentation of the School Family Partnership report to the Superintendent and a presentation to the School Board.

To be considered for the Student Family Partnership Advisory Committee, parents, guardians or family members should complete and submit a nomination form by Monday, September 21. The nomination forms and a complete description of the committee are available on Seattle Public Schools' Web site at <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/fam/PAC.xml>. Nomination forms will also be available at school offices.

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