

Family/Community Member Role Description for Tier I Teams

<p>Purpose of the role:</p>	<p>_____ <i>School values the input of families and communities. For that reason, we would like to include family and community members on our Tier I Teams. These members will serve as a liaison between community and the Tier I team, providing integral feedback and input to the team.</i></p>
<p>Key Responsibilities:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend regular leadership team meetings• Act as a representative of family and/or community voice• Gather feedback from families and community members about the Tier I plan• Ask the meeting facilitator to add community feedback to the agenda• Share feedback and questions with team• Guide discussion to develop plan to address feedback/questions• Share out information from meeting to the community

Using Technology to Promote Family Engagement

Electronic Newsletters

Smore — www.smore.com

Description: A website where educators can create engaging online newsletters with text, images, audio, videos and web links embedded.

Family Engagement: Families receive the newsletter via email or a web link. Educators can see who has opened the newsletter.

Scheduling Tools

Sign-up — www.signup.com

Description: App that helps educators recruit family volunteers or invite families to events.

Family Engagement: Families can sign up to attend parent conferences, school events, field trips, etc.

Messenger Apps

Remind — www.remind.com

Description: Real-time text messaging that facilitates quick communications and reminders to students and families while keeping phone numbers private.

Family Engagement: Send messages to an entire class or individually. Translates messages into more than 70 languages.

Digital Portfolios

Fresh Grade — www.freshgrade.com

Description: A digital portfolio and assessment platform.

Family Engagement: Parent app provides ongoing, two-way communication about student work and progress. Parents can view and comment on their child's portfolio.

Seesaw: The Learning Journal — web.seesaw.me

Description: A digital portfolio that displays students' work (papers, drawings, videos, links).

Family Engagement: Students work is shared with families. Families can "like" and comment.

Websites, Apps & Blogs

Weebly for Education — www.education.weebly.com

Description: A blogging platform with drag and drop editors that is easy to use. Add pictures, videos, documents, maps and photos to a classroom website.

Family Engagement: Share website with families.

EduBlogs — www.edublogs.org

Description: A blogging platform for educators.

Family Engagement: Families can view, read and comment on blog posts related to classroom events and activities.

ClassDojo — www.classdojo.com

Description: A communication app that connects teachers, parents and students. Student behavior (positive and negative) is tracked with points. **(NOTE: TBSP recommends disabling the negative behavior tracking as this practice is not aligned with RTI2-B.)**

Family Engagement: Educators can share photos, videos, and messages through the day. Families can respond directly. Translation available in 35 languages.

Classtag — www.classtag.com

Description: Website/app with many communication features, including scheduling, messaging, and automated newsletters.

Family Engagement: Families receive communications and engage in two-way messaging. Translates for 50 languages.

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