

Magnets and School Turnarounds Focus Group Protocol for Parents (In-Person)

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Background questions

- Tell me a little bit about yourselves and how long you've been connected to the school.

Turnaround Focus

- Have you noticed any shifts in the school's focus and/or direction over the years? If so, could you talk about what you've seen?

Magnet Focus

- What drew your family to the school? Did the magnet theme appeal to you and your child?
- What do you like most about the school? What do you think it's doing particularly well?
- Any challenges?
- Have there been any changes in outreach, transportation and admissions procedures since you've been connected to the school?

Culture of Collaboration/Leadership for Diversity

- How diverse is the teaching staff in your experience?
- Do you feel like any racial disparities related to academic achievement and disciplinary issues are addressed by school leadership and teachers? If so, how?
- How, if at all, is promoting a positive diverse learning environment central to the mission of the school?

Community and Parent Engagement

- Are diverse families actively engaged in the school community? How?
- What kinds of strategies are employed by school personnel to establish engagement with diverse groups of parents?
- Do you know of any community partnerships in place to improve both academic and diversity efforts?