

Use the chart below to help determine how to move voice toward excelling.

	<b>EMERGING</b>	<b>EVOLVING</b>	<b>EMBEDDING</b>	<b>EXCELLING</b>
<b>School-wide Beliefs</b>	Parent voice is important, but not a driver for change. Parent suggestions are welcome.	Parent voice is valued in school improvement efforts. Parent input is seen as necessary.	Parents are collaborators who can help solve ongoing school challenges.	Parents are allies in creating and supporting positive changes that support ALL students' potential.
<b>Opportunities for Parent Voice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committees</li> <li>• Individual meetings with teacher</li> <li>• School informational meetings</li> <li>• Parent conferences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal surveys</li> <li>• Focus groups</li> <li>• Open door policy by school leaders and teachers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invitation to participate in meetings that impact school-wide decisions</li> <li>• Parent input informs actions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in decision making process</li> <li>• Parents take responsibility for their contributions throughout implementation</li> </ul>
<b>School-Parent Relationship</b>	Parental importance is recognised in traditional mechanisms such as committees and PTA.	Parents have intentional opportunities to share their opinions and ideas. Parents know their voices are valued.	Teachers and school leaders actively learn from the diverse perspectives and experiences of parents. Trust and respect exist between parents and school.	Teachers, school leaders, and parents develop true partnerships that support dynamic teaching and learning environments.
<b>Students' Perspective</b>	Students see their parents involved in school events, but remain leery of interactions between their parents and school.	Students realise that parent involvement in school is positive and supportive.	Students notice the mutual respect and trust between teachers, school leaders, and parents. Students' perspectives inform decision-making.	Students and parents are involved in school-wide actions. Student voice is seen as a necessity alongside parent voice.