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Engaging parents in their children's learning

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The positive effects learning include improved student achievement and well-being. Are there any

Yes. Here are five things to consider:

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educators happens out there, so if we can do something out
there to encourage more productive learning conditions, we

K. Leithwood, 2012: Co-Producing Learning:
the family path, webcast

3. IDENTIFY BARRIERS TO PARENT ENGAGEMENT AND DEVELOP SOLUTIONS

How educators enhance parent engagement in their
s from school to school, depending
on the needs of the school community.

Strong and effective parent engagement often involves
parents supporting other parents at the local and regional

program, available to school councils, helps parents identify
barriers to parent engagement in their own community
and find local solutions to help more parents get involved.
In 2010, grants program received
international recognition through a McKinsey & Company
report analyzing high-achieving school systems around the
world. Information, including a list of successful
applications, a printable PRO grant flyer available in 28
languages, and video clips of PRO initiatives in action, is
posted on the website:
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/reaching.html>.

4. ASK PARENTS WHAT THEY NEED

Experience and research tell us that parents who have
confidence in themselves, in their children and in their
school can