Reimagining School + Community Partnerships

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The prolonged school closures have exacerbated persistent gaps in educational opportunities, experiences and outcomes for low-income and students of color.

Far too many students are not on-track to meet their educational milestones and will need comprehensive academic and non-academic supports to help them.

Given the vast challenges confronting educators and students, are our current approaches to school and community partnerships sufficient?
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From a collection of school partners to a School Partnership Ecosystem

• Coherence  • Strategic

• Intentionality  • Evolutionary
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Strategies for Building a Partnership Ecosystem

• Partner Pre-work
  o Well-defined challenges & their root causes
  o Clear identification of assets, expertise, and resources

• Orienting Meeting
  o Achieve shared understandings of the different organizational contexts along with the vision, goals, and norms for the partnership
  o Complementarity and Reciprocity
  o Develop activities to nurture relationships & trust
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Strategies for Building a Partnership Ecosystem

• **Planning Meeting**
  o Establish focus, scope, targets, and alignments
  o Define deliverables, metrics, and benchmarks
  o Identify and schedule action spaces

• **Routinize Information Sharing through Inquiry Cycles**
THANK YOU

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