

60 Parents to Graduate from the Family Institute for Student Success Program at Hayden McFadden Elementary School

The Family Institute for Student Success (FISS) Leadership Committee and Hayden McFadden Principal Tammy Morgan will graduate 60 parents. Former Hayden McFadden student and current Principal of Brooks Elementary, Jennifer Medeiros, will be the keynote speaker. The FISS Leadership Committee would like to thank the administration for its support and hosting the Nine-Week Program. NBPS is committed to strengthening the relationship between home, school and community to ensure student success.

From FISS graduates:

“It is a program worth having around to help bring back the lost, but not forgotten, sense of community between parents, teachers, students, and neighbors; like they said: “It takes a village to raise a child.”

“The FISS program impacted my life tremendously! Sharing experiences with other parents was helpful to hear their ways of discipline and academics at home. It gives me a boost as a parent to make sure my kids are on the right path. It really supported my ability to be the perfect mother to my children.”

“I decided to join the Family Institute for Student Success because I want my children to have better opportunities in their school life.”

WHY: Research has shown that parent engagement in education is

the most effective way to improve the lives of our children, end the cycle of poverty, reduce crime, and help build communities. According to a study by McKinsey & Co., by eighth grade more than 40% of African-American and Hispanic students will score “below basic” for math and reading and nearly 50% will drop out of high school. Those who drop out will be five to eight times more likely to go to prison and will earn 40% less than a college graduate. FISS’s goal is to reverse this alarming trend.

DATA: In 2013, a longitudinal study completed by San Diego State University and Claremont Graduate University on the impact of FISS’s 9-week program between the years of 2005 and 2007 showed that 90% of the children of FISS participants in Los Angeles, San Gabriel Valley, and San Bernardino, graduated from high school and 70% of those students enrolled in college.

WHAT: Graduation ceremony to recognize 60 parents’ commitment and hard work on behalf of their children’s education

WHEN: Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Hayden McFadden Elementary School, 361 Cedar Grove St., New Bedford, MA 02746

ABOUT FISS: *The Family Institute for Student Success (FISS) is modeled after the Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) out of California. FISS New Bedford was made possible by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. PIQE’s mission: to provide families with the knowledge and skills to partner with schools and communities to ensure their children achieve their full potential. PIQE is a 501(c) (3) community-based organization dedicated to innovative educational reform by informing and motivating low-income and immigrant parents to become knowledgeable about how to navigate the school system and seek the educational opportunities available for their children.*

Since its inception in 1987, PIQE has graduated more than 650,000 parents and impacted the social and educational development of over 1.9 million children.