Actionable Items for Principals:

• Personally communicate with three students in your school about their aspirations for college and career each month.

• Invite two parents of academically challenged students to an informal meeting to discuss the barriers or challenges they face to improving academic performance.

• Implement one promising practice for communicating student academic performance to parents.

• Discuss strategies for parent engagement at school improvement team meetings 3 times per year.

• Send one thank you note, email or a personal phone call each month to parents acknowledging their contributions to school-related functions.

• Train front-line staff in overcoming barriers and using culturally responsive communication with parents.