



# SCPTSA 2007-08 Family Engagement Grants Guidelines

**1<sup>st</sup> Round Postmark Deadline: January 11, 2008**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round Postmark Deadline: March 7, 2008**

## **COULD YOUR PTA/PTSA USE EXTRA FUNDS TO PROMOTE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT?**

The Seattle Council PTSA is pleased to announce a new program providing grants of up to \$300 to assist Seattle PTA units with their efforts to promote family engagement.

## **AWARD GUIDELINES**

Grant requests must briefly describe how the funds will be used to promote family engagement. PTA units may apply more than once but may only receive one grant of up to \$300 for the 07-08 school year. PTA units must be associated with the Seattle Council PTSA. Approximately \$8,000 is available for grants. Applications must be signed by your PTA president or authorized representative.

Grants requests will be reviewed and awarded by SCPTSA using the following guidelines:

1. How the funds will support family engagement in your community.
2. How well the grant supports your PTA's goals and will help build your PTA's capacity to support family engagement in the future.

*Special consideration will be given to:*

- New and emerging PTAs.
- PTAs working with significant numbers of families whose students are bilingual and/or participating in the Free and Reduced Lunch program.
- For *January 11 deadline only*: Grant requests for projects related to "Take Your Family to School" Week – February 10-16, 2008. (PTA Take Your Family to School Week is a national PTA event to encourage connections between families and their school communities.)

## **WHAT TYPES OF FUNDING REQUESTS QUALIFY?**

The goal of the program is to support Seattle PTA units' efforts to be active partners and leaders in successful family engagement. Activities or expenses that are necessary to successfully involve all families, or support efforts to grow and become a stronger unit will qualify. Some examples include:

- ✓ Participation in "PTA Take Your Family to School Week" or different one-time event
- ✓ Support of efforts to implement the SPS Family & Community Engagement Framework
- ✓ Purchase of re-usable family event oriented resources (i.e. math games, books, materials)
- ✓ Support structures to enable better communications (newsletter translation, printing, etc)
- ✓ Support for efforts that help new and emerging PTAs get off to a strong start
- ✓ Application for National PTA Parent Involvement School of Excellence Certification



Visit the national PTA website at [www.PTA.org](http://www.PTA.org) for family engagement educational materials, suggestions for activities and events, posters, and other resources

## **Seattle Public Schools - Family and Community Engagement Framework**

- **Family Support:** Promote and support effective student readiness to learn
- **Communication:** Regular and meaningful two-way communication between school and home
- **Welcoming Environment:** School and Central Office Staff will provide a welcoming environment to all. Support and volunteer assistance is valued and sought
- **Student Learning:** Create a supportive environment for learning at home, at school and in the community that honors diverse cultures
- **Decision Making:** All families are encouraged to be advocates and to participate as partners in decisions affecting student success
- **Collaborating with the Community:** Partnerships are developed and community resources are utilized to strengthen schools, families, student learning and the larger community

