



Family & Community Liaisons 2024-2025

Family Liaisons: A Story of Integration

2013

2013-
2020

2020

2020-
2024

2025

Birth of Liaisons Program

Part-time liaisons at each school

Development & Growth

- welcoming presence for families
- cultural and language brokers
- Family engagement opportunities to build community & create links to student learning
- Equitable access

COVID-19 Pandemic

Increase in demand for basic needs support

Liaisons became full-time employees to meet the moment

Partnered with ARPA Funded Programs

- Personal touch during challenging times
- Support families to use new technologies
- Food, transportation, and clothing resources
- referrals to local resources

Where are we now?

Liaisons are the **backbones** support for everything related to families at each school and across the district!



How do we collaborate with SPS staff?

Collaborating with School-based Staff

- Hosting school events:
 - Back to School Socials
 - Coffee Hours with Principals
 - Heritage Night Celebrations
 - Showcases of Learning
 - Multicultural Fairs
 - Parent Support Groups, and more
- Coordinating Parent Teacher Conferences
- Providing Open House Tours
- Advising on School Improvement Plans



Capuano's Popsicle Party



Kennedy's Family Literacy Night



Brown's Family STEAM Night



Healey's Bilingual Parent Support Group for Portuguese & Spanish speakers



SFLC Interpreters, Liaisons, and Community Partners at Argenziano's Back-to-School Night

How do we collaborate with SPS staff?

Collaborating with SFLC & SPS Departments

- Coordinating transition to PK & K, working with the Early Childhood/ Special Education/MLL Departments and the Enrollment Office
- Supporting SFLC district-wide initiatives, such as
 - Get Ready for School Fair
 - Summer Activities Fair
 - Restorative Practices Workshops
 - IM Curriculum Workshops, and many more
- Promoting SPS Out of School Time opportunities



Staff at Winter Hill Community Innovation School (Top) and West Somerville Neighborhood School (Right) engage with students and families at the *Get Ready for School Fair*, August 2024



Spanish session (Above) of the Restorative Practices Workshop, December 2024

(Below) Liaisons, SFLC Staff, and SomerPromise at Summer Activities Fair, March 2025



How do we collaborate with the community?

Collaborating with Families

- Ensuring access to information, such as:
 - Special Education processes
 - Out of School Time programs
 - Benefits (SNAP, DTA, etc.)
 - Local family-friendly events
- Being a consistent source of support for families and students at school
- Supporting PTAs to organize school-wide events

East Somerville Community School's PTA Family Movie Night



Collaborating with Community Organizations

- Coordinating monthly food markets
- Distributing Carrot Cards, MBTA cards & other available resources
- Referring families to community partners
- Supporting local parent affinity groups
- Organizing donations to the SHS Prom, gift cards for families, and more.

Working with community partners and students to receive and distribute donations for the SHS prom



Basic Needs Support

	SY23-24	SY24-25
# of Free Food Markets	22	22
Average # Families at WSNS	63	↑ 82
Adults served	124	137
Children served	110	118
Average # Families at ESCS	149	↑ 213
Adults served	302	448
Children served	279	349
Clothing requests	348	↑ 378

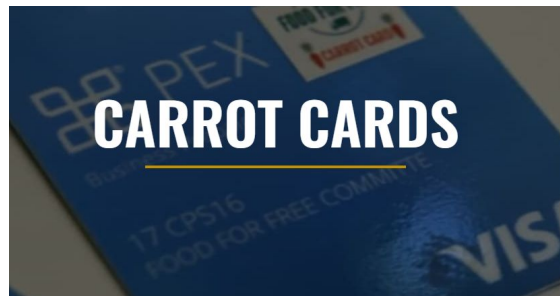
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- Principals Mace-Diaz and Pelletier
- Market volunteers
- Food for Free
- Office of Food Access and Healthy Communities
- Cradles to Crayons
- Basic Needs & Housing Support Services

**Cradles
toCrayons**



Basic Needs Support



	SY23-24	SY24-25
*Carrot Cards (\$25/child/month Oct - June)		
# Families	568	428 ↓
# Students	1070	720 ↓
*MBTA Parent Cards		
# of Families	769	474 ↓



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