EDCI 205 Mini Assignment 3: School-Community Partnerships

Below are listed just some of the hundreds of teacher-community organizations that have been created by parents, educators, and community members nationwide to address issues related to our schools and communities and relevant to young people’s lives.

Explore the websites listed below or do your own search for parent-teacher-community activism, projects, and groups. Select TWO groups and answer the following questions:

1. What is the name of the first organization you explored?
2. What are their objectives, goals, and/or mission statement?
3. What, specifically, are some of the current issues that they are addressing? (e.g., not just “school discipline” – what about school discipline?)
4. What are some of the current actions the organization is involved in to address these issues?
5. If you were working in a school district, city, or state that was addressing similar issues, what suggestions might you make about how to tackle those issues, beyond what the group is already doing?
6. What is the name of the second organization you explored?
7. What are their objectives, goals, and/or mission statement?
8. What, specifically, are some of the current issues that they are addressing? (e.g., not just “school discipline” – what about school discipline?)
9. What are some of the current actions the organization is involved in to address these issues?
10. If you were working in a school district, city, or state that was addressing similar issues, what suggestions might you make about how to tackle those issues, beyond what the group is already doing?

School-Community Partnership Organizations
(Listed alphabetically)

Action Now (Chicago)
Chicago Freedom School
Defending the Early Years
Dignity in Schools
Education for Liberation Network
Integrate NYC 4 Me
Journey for Justice Alliance (J4J)
Grow Your Own Teachers (Illinois)
The Network for Public Education
Padres y Jovenes Unidos (Parents and Youth United)
Parents Across America
Parents for Public Schools
The People’s Education Movement
Save Our Schools
Teachers 4 Social Justice
Teacher Activists Groups (TAG)
Teachers for Social Justice (Chicago)
Teachers Unite
Teaching for Change
United Opt Out