

Connecting Families, Schools and the Community...

A Conversation with Karen Mapp

May 6, 2009



**7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Principal's & Administrator's Meeting,
BESC Board Rm**

**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM FEC with Lunch,
PCC Cascade Auditorium Rm 104**

**2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Executive Committee,
BESC Willamette Rm**

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Karen L. Mapp is a lecturer on education at Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE). Mapp joined HGSE in January 2005 after serving for 18 months as the deputy superintendent of Family and Community Engagement for the Boston Public Schools (BPS). Her research and practice expertise is in the areas of educational leadership and educational partnerships among schools, families, and community members. Mapp holds a doctorate and master's of education from HGSE in Administration, Planning, and Social Policy, a master's in Counselor Education from Southern Connecticut State University, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

In 1997, she was awarded a Spencer Dissertation Fellowship for her research on how and why families are involved

in their children's educational development.

Publications include:

- "Making the Connection between Families and Schools," *Harvard Education Letter* (1997)
- "Having Their Say: Parents Describe How and Why They Are Engaged in Their Children's Learning," *School Community Journal* (2002)

Coauthored publications:

- *A New Wave of Evidence: The Impact of School, Family and Community Connections on Student Achievement* (2002)
- *Beyond the Bake Sale: The Essential Guide to Family-School Partnerships* (2007)

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