Building Powerful Partnerships in Culturally Diverse Communities

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- Systemic
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- Administrative beliefs and support in its importance
- Teacher proficiency in FCE Strategies
- Supportive community partnerships
Examples of Wareham Public Schools
Community Partners

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Sources Municipal STEAM
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COMMUNITY ASSETS MAPPING
BLUEPRINT
Who’s in it~
and what’s in it for them?

- **Gatekeepers**
- **Key informants**
- **Stakeholders**
Relationships and Communication Systems

- Treat partners in respectful and culturally sensitive ways
- Discuss how establishing a partnership would be mutually beneficial
- Discuss how the partnership can be ongoing, not just project-based
- Establish a communication system
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