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## **Measures**

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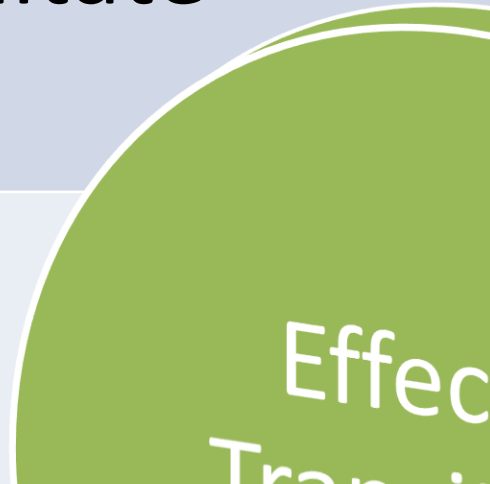
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## **What Leads to Successful Engagement?**

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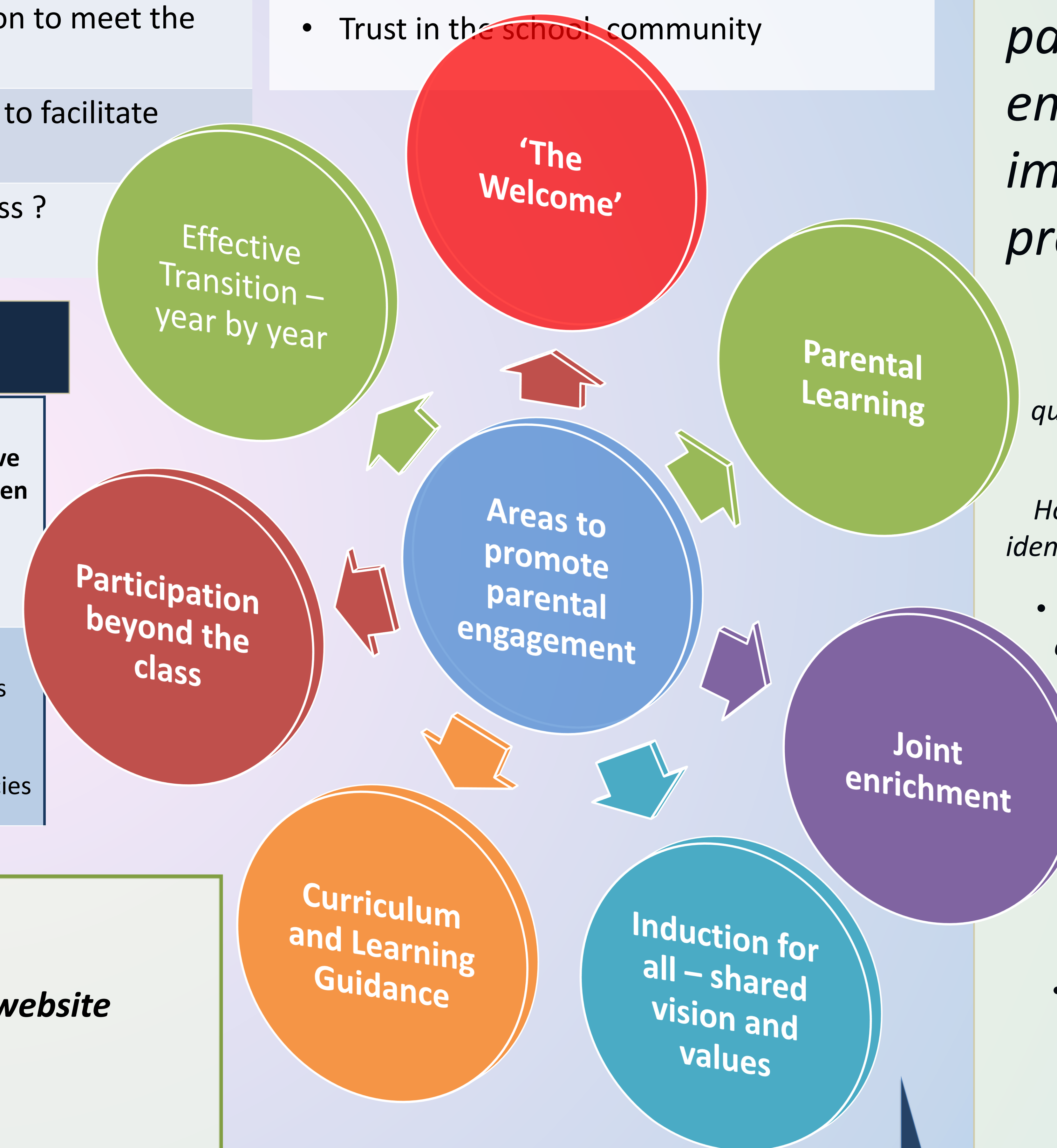
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## Longer Term Implications

## 5 Important Facts About Parent Involvement

1. Parent Involvement boosts student achievement
2. Parent Involvement is actually a better predictor of academic success than standardized tests.
3. Parent Involvement is defined as "any variety of activities that allow parents to participate in the educational process at home or in the school"
4. Parent Involvement declines as students age.
5. Teachers and Schools can overcome barriers to parent involvement by reaching out and building trusting relationships.

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“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.”  
- Jane D. Hull

