

-February-March, 2016: WPS and community partners (stated below), gathered to formalize their commitment towards parent engagement, create a name and choose a logo. The *Worcester Institute for Parent Leadership in Education* (WIPE) name and acronym were adopted by all partners.

-April 2016: A cohort of WPS staff and Community Partners including, African Community Education (ACE), Latino Education Institute (LEI), South Eastern Asian Coalition (SEAC), and Worcester Community Connections Coalition (WCC), attended a full week of training with PIQE in California. Curriculum in English and Spanish was provided to WPS at the end of the training.

-May – August 2016: Curriculum materials were adapted to WPS and Massachusetts guidelines and language, both in English and Spanish.

-August 2016: PIQE California came to WPS to provide direct training to WIPE facilitators and WIPE recruiters.

-September 2016: facilitators and recruiters were selected for the launching of WIPE at Worcester East Middle school.

-September 21, 2016: Formal recruitment activities started for WIPE's launching at WEM.

-October 4th, 2016: Planning Sessions (Session 1) took place at WEM with success. Planning sessions were conducted by PIQE staff, who traveled back from California to provide direct training and follow up for the launching. Four Planning Sessions were completed on this day, two in the morning and two in the evening, both in Spanish and English. A total of 125 parents attended the Planning Sessions.

-October 11th through November 29th, 2016: WIPE weekly sessions continued, both in the morning and the afternoon and in Spanish and English.

-December 6th, 2017: First WIPE graduation at WEM, with 42 parents graduating from the program. A total of 68 parents participated in sessions during a 9 week period.

-January-February 2017: Woodland and Claremont Academies were confirmed as the schools to implement the WIPE Spring session. Selection of facilitators and recruiters were made and training activities were accomplished.

-March 13, 2016: Formal recruitment activities began for both schools, yielding direct connections with more than 500 parents.

-March 22 and 23, 2017: Planning Sessions (Session 1) took place, attracting a total of 251 parents from both schools in morning and afternoon sessions. 85 parents were English Speaking and 168 parents were Spanish speaking. As a result of the demand, 13 programs ran between both schools to accommodate all interested parents in both English and Spanish.

-March-May 2017: WIPLE weekly sessions continued on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays, both morning and evening and in English and Spanish.

-May 24th, 2017: WIPLE Graduation for both Woodland and Claremont Academies, with 99 parent graduates. A total of 180 parents attended sessions during the 9 week program.



Worcester Institute for Parent Leadership in Education (WIPLE)

WIPLE is a parent engagement institute that was founded through the partnership among the African Community Education (ACE), the Latino Education Institute (LEI) at Worcester State University, the South Eastern Asian Coalition (SEAC), The Worcester Community Connections Coalition (WCCC), and the Worcester Public Schools (WPS).

WIPLE's mission is to provide parents with the knowledge, skills and tools to partner with schools and community to ensure that their children achieve their full potential. For this purpose, parents participate in seminars and continue their learning through coaching and leadership development activities. WIPLE is based on the nationally recognized Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) model based in California. PIQE's parent empowerment framework, anchored in economic and social justice for all in education, have graduated more than 605,000 parents from their Signature Program in the last 28 years and impacted the lives of more than 1,800,000 children across the United States. WPS is proud to have been selected by PIQE as the first district in New England to license the PIQE Parent Engagement model.

WIPLE launched in the 2016-17 academic year in three WPS schools with great success. A total of 376 parents participated in the opening sessions, and 141 parents graduated from the Parent Signature Program. WIPLE is expanding in the 2017-18 year to more schools, and also adding a coaching and parent leadership component to its parent engagement framework.



Instituto para Padres de Liderazgo en Educación de Worcester (WIPLE)

WIPLE es un Instituto que fomenta el involucramiento de padres. El Instituto fue fundado por una asociación de agencias comunitarias, las cuales incluye al African Community Education (ACE), el Latino Education Institute (LEI) de Worcester State University, el South Eastern Asian Coalition (SEAC), el Worcester Community Connections Coalition (WCCC), y las Escuelas Públicas de Worcester (WPS).

La misión de WIPLE está enfocada en proveer a padres de los conocimientos, destrezas y herramientas necesarias para relacionarse y colaborar efectivamente con las escuelas y la comunidad. Este aprendizaje conlleva a los padres a estar mejor equipados para trabajar en conjunto con las escuelas de sus hijos y para apoyarlos a que realicen todo su potencial. WIPLE está basado en un modelo de involucramiento para padres reconocido nacionalmente como el Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) basado en California. A través de este modelo, sustentado por valores de justicia económica y social para todos en educación, la organización ha logrado graduar más de 605,000 padres en los últimos 28 años, impactando positivamente las vidas de más de 1,800,000 niños y jóvenes en los Estados Unidos. Las Escuelas Públicas de Worcester están orgullosas de ser el primer distrito en Nueva Inglaterra al que se le otorgó la licencia para implementar el modelo de PIQE.

WIPLE inauguró sus actividades exitosamente en el año académico 2016-17 en tres escuelas de Worcester. La iniciativa capturó la participación de 376 padres, de los cuales 141 se graduaron del Seminario Principal. Las actividades de WIPLE se expandirán en el año 2017-18, incluyendo la integración de programas de liderazgo y de “coaching” para padres.