

# Parents! Parents! Parents!

**Want your kids to succeed in school? *Of course you do!***

## **Parents make a difference!**

People For Education (PFE) reviewed thirty years of research from Canada, the United States and England. Findings show the kind of involvement that makes the biggest difference to students' chances for success in school isn't what most parents might expect. Even though limiting TV time, volunteering on the school council, or even monitoring homework are important, there are four things that lead the pack:

- **Talking with your child about school**
- Focusing on students' attitudes, more than their marks
- Reading to and/or with your child
- **Letting your child know you have high expectations for him or her!**

The findings emphasized the importance of talking to your kids about school while they are in school, and about your expectations for them in the future. **Letting your kids know that you expect that they will continue with education after high school is crucial for their success!** Also, having a little money saved for them helps.

### ***Wondering how you will be able to save money for your children's post-secondary education?***

Did you know you can open a **Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP)** AND get **free money** with the **Canada Learning Bond** for your child(ren) who were born after December 31 2003 – even if your current income comes from Ontario Works or ODSP? And you don't even need a dime of your own money!

Opening an RESP is easy, and it's a great way to show your children how much you value their future success! Check out [www.smartsaver.org](http://www.smartsaver.org) and [www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca)

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