

What is the Difference?

While both meetings with parents will be held in a virtual setting, there are differences in the content to be shared during those sessions. Please see below for some suggestions and ideas for discussion during these unique time periods.

<h2>Meet the Teacher</h2>	<h2>Back to School Night</h2>
<p>Intended Audience: Families and students Purpose: Establish communication and build community</p>	<p>Intended Audience: Parents/Caregivers Purpose: Inform participants about routines, expectations, and curriculum</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Invite families/students to a Webex meeting using emails in PowerSchool ✓ Introduce yourself, demonstrate excitement for the new year, and emphasize the importance of communication ✓ Establish norms for the meeting (e.g., mute, chat box, etc.) <p><u>Possible activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Read aloud a book ✓ Implement a team building activity to build classroom community ✓ Build excitement about school and learning activities (Develop creative names for the cohorts!) ✓ Share information about the classroom (themes, décor, set up) ✓ Conduct a brief intro to technology ✓ Reassure families, stress commitment to the safety and well-being of students ✓ Invite families to start thinking about routines for home learning ✓ Stay positive; Emphasize that this is an opportunity to develop many skills – technology, independence, etc. 	<p>Invite families/students to a Webex meeting using emails in PowerSchool</p> <p><u>Possible activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Establish norms for the meeting (e.g., mute, chat box, etc.) ✓ Review daily activities, routines, schedule, and expectations ✓ Discuss the main learning outcomes for the year by subject ✓ Discuss the materials and platforms used in the classroom ✓ Gather information from parents (contact information, best times/method to communicate, strengths and helpful information about their child) ✓ Share standards-based report cards ✓ Share video/photos of the classroom