

## **Sources of Parent and Teacher Fears**

### *Sources of Parent Fears*

1. Parenting is inherently difficult and no one is expert at it.
2. Child-rearing mistakes are on display through your child's behavior in ways that you cannot know.
3. All parents are trapped by their love, their hope and their anxieties.
4. In important ways, parents may not know as much about their child as his or her teacher.
5. Teachers have immense power over children's lives.
6. Parents may worry about retaliation on their child from the teacher.

### *Sources of Teacher Fears*

1. Teaching, like parenting, is an inherently difficult job: organic, hard to measure, and intensely personal.
2. Teachers are always seen by parents through the distorting eyes of children.
3. Teachers who perform well and effectively do not always get the credit.
4. Teachers are not accorded enough respect in our culture, and it puts them at a psychological disadvantage.
5. Many teachers have been scarred by at least one threatening, out of control parent.
6. Teachers' fear that parent influence with school administrators means their jobs could be at risk.