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TITLE I PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

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~~The Superintendent shall pursue funding under Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act for compensatory instructional services and activities, to improve the educational opportunities of educationally disadvantaged and deprived children. The Superintendent shall also insure that the District appropriately uses any funds received.~~

~~The Superintendent shall develop appropriate procedures to bring about parent involvement in the educational process for their children in any District Title I program.~~

The District endorses the parent and family engagement goals of Title I and encourages the regular participation of parents and family members (including parents and families of migrant students if applicable) of Title I eligible children in all aspects of the program to establish the agency's expectations and objectives for meaningful parent and family involvement. The education of children is viewed as a cooperative effort among the parents, family members, school and community. In this policy the word "parent" also includes guardians and other family members involved in supervising the child's schools.

Pursuant to federal law the District will develop jointly with, agree upon with, and distribute to parents of children participating in the Title I program a written parent and family engagement policy. This may include meaningful consultation with employers, business leaders and philanthropic organizations or individuals with expertise in effectively engaging parents and family members in education.

At the required annual meeting of Title I parents and family members (including parents and families of migrant students if applicable), parents and family members will have opportunities to participate in the design, development and evaluation of the program for the next school year. Propose activities to fulfill the requirements necessary to address the requirements of family engagement goals shall be presented.

In addition to the required annual meeting, at least three (3) additional meetings shall be held at various times of the day and/or evening for parents and family members of children (including parents and families of migrant children if applicable) participating in the Title program. These meetings shall be used to provide parents with:

1. *Information about programs provided under Title I;*
2. *A description and explanation of the curriculum in use, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet;*
3. *Opportunities to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children; and*
4. *The opportunity to bring parent comments, if they are dissatisfied with the school's Title I program, to the District level.*

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Title I funding, if sufficient, may be used to facilitate parent attendance at meetings, through payment of transportation and childcare costs.

The parents and family members of children (including parents and families of migrant children if applicable) identified to participate in Title I programs shall receive from the school principal and Title I staff an explanation of the reasons supporting each child's selection for the program, a set of objectives to be addressed, and a description of the services to be provided. Opportunities will be provided for the parents and family members to meet with the classroom and Title I teachers to discuss their child's progress. Parents will also receive guidance as to how they can assist at home in the education of their children.

Each school in the District receiving Title I funds shall develop jointly with parents an family of children served in the program a "School-Parent Compact" outlining the manner in which parents, school staff and students share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement in meeting state standards. The "School-Parent Compact shall:

- 1. Describe the school's responsibility to provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment enabling children in the Title I program to meet the state's academic achievement standards:*
- 2. Indicate the ways in which each parent will be responsible for supporting their child's learning, such as monitoring attendance, homework completion and television watching; volunteering in the classroom; and participating, as appropriate, in decisions related to their child's education and positive use of extracurricular time; and*
- 3. Address the importance of parent-teacher communication on an ongoing basis with, at a minimum, parent-teacher conferences, frequent reports to parents, and reasonable access to staff.*

The activities authorized under this policy may include establishing a parent advisory board comprised of a sufficient number and representative group of parents or family members served by the district to adequately represent the needs of the population served by the district for the purposes of developing, revising and reviewing the parent and family engagement policy.

Legal Reference: Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6301-6514
§ 1116 Every Student Succeeds Act

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