Title I School Level Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2018 - 2019

I. Purpose

The purpose of the Title I program is to support the teaching and learning of at-risk students so they can acquire the knowledge and skills needed to meet state academic standards. Title I funding may be provided to a school serving a high poverty area in which a minimum of 40% of its total student population receives Free and Reduced Meals (FARM) services. With approximately 71% of our students considered to be socio-economically disadvantaged, Pocomoke Elementary is eligible to receive Title I assistance. Our Title I funding provides supplemental materials of instruction, professional development training opportunities for faculty, staff and parents, salaries for specific school positions, as well as, parent and family engagement opportunities. Title I funds are used to provide additional materials for our school that would not be routinely provided by the district or county of which we are a part.

II. Vision

At Pocomoke Elementary School, our vision is create, sustain and enhance a collaborative partnership between our parents, school and community stakeholders. Our Parent and Family Engagement team will meet regularly throughout the 2018 – 2019 school year to review, reflect and refine goals designed to assist each of our students as they advance through challenging grade level curriculum in preparation for future college and career readiness. We realize the vital role that parents have as a child’s first and most influential teacher!

III. Process

Federal Title I guidelines mandate that a written Parent and Family Engagement Plan, developed with parental input, be created by schools funded by Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESSA). Each parent/guardian at Pocomoke Elementary will receive a copy of this plan, the Worcester County Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan/Policy and our Title I Parent-School Compact.
IV. Goals

Parent/School Communication: Pocomoke Elementary School will clearly share information regarding student achievement, programs, resources, curriculum and Title I assistance with all parents in a language understood.
- Pocomoke Elementary School Website – [www.pocomokeelementary.org](http://www.pocomokeelementary.org)
- PES Facebook Page, Peach Jar, School Messenger Robo-Call Contacts
- PES Satellite School-Based Judy Center/Resource Center
- Quarterly PES Newsletters, Flyers, Invitations, Stickers

Parent and Family Workshops and Trainings: Pocomoke Elementary School will offer workshop and training opportunities to support parents in building capacity and confidence in supporting their child’s growth in academic achievement and behavioral expectations. Assistance will be provided to parents in understanding Maryland College and Career Readiness Standards, grade level assessments and performance summaries.

Family engagement opportunities include:
- 100 Book Challenge: October 8, 2018 (5:30 – 6:30)
- Family Math Night: October, 24, 2018 (5:30 – 7:00)
- One School, One Book School Launch: November 12, 2018
- Family Literacy Night: December 6, 2018 (5:30 – 7:00)
- Family STEM Night, February 21, 2019 (5:30 – 7:00)
- Quarterly Learning Party Sequence and Family Math Camps: Date/Time TBD
- Parent Technology and Outdoor Classroom Workshops: Date/Time TBD

Parent Input: Pocomoke Elementary School will extend opportunity for parental input in our Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan/Budget, Parent-School Compact and parent & family workshop activities. Childcare, transportation (requested 24 hrs. in advance), language interpretation and multiple meeting dates/times will be offered to assist parental participation in their child’s educational journey and our school’s decision-making process through:
- Opportunities extended to parents for sharing input through Annual Title I Meetings, Parent Advisory Committee, School Improvement Advisory Committee, School Improvement Team Meetings, activity/event evaluations and surveys.
- Written copies of the Parent and Family Engagement Plan shared with all parents via the Student Handbook, PES website and Parent Resource Center.
- Title I Parent Advisory Committee Meetings held in June and February of this year to review, reflect and revise the current Parent and Family Engagement Plan/Budget, the Parent-School Compact, the Worcester County Complaint Policy, Title I funded parent/staff workshops, trainings, school family events and volunteer activities.

Please share any comments or concerns regarding this plan on the lines below and return to Beverly Watson, Title I Specialist, at Pocomoke Elementary School.