Southview Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

Waconia Public Schools prioritizes engaging every family as a valued partner. As part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Title I schools are required to engage the parents and families of Title I students during the development or revision of this plan through meaningful consultation. This document lays out the Title I parent engagement plan.

Involve parents in the joint development, review, and improvement of the Title I plan.

- School and district achievement data are published on the district website, shared through newsletters and discussed at several forums (school board, committees, advisory councils) that include parent/guardian representation.
- The Teaching and Learning Advisory Council reviews the Title I plan and provides opportunities to share feedback.
- Annually parents are given the opportunity to complete a survey that includes feedback on Parent and Family Engagement. This feedback is incorporated into the annual review process.

Involve parents in the process of school review and improvement.

- All families are informed of district and school performance on state accountability tests via newsletters, website and annual report.
- Southview holds PTO meetings where Title I and Family Engagement Plans are reviewed. Members are given the opportunity to give feedback.

Coordination of technical assistance and other support to build the capacity of staff in planning parent and family engagement.

- Southview staff are involved in professional development in family involvement strategies, including ways to engage and communicate with families from diverse backgrounds.
- Translated documents and interpreters are available for all family events throughout the school year.

Coordination of family involvement with other Federal, State, and local programs.

- Collaboration with district early childhood programs to connect with families. This includes home visits, screenings and parent education sessions.
- The Early Childhood Advisory Council and Special Education Advisory Council meet throughout the year to inform parents of opportunities and get feedback on current programs.

Create opportunities to build the schools' and parents' capacity for effective family involvement, which supports a partnership between the school and parents.

- Family information meetings
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Kindergarten Listening Conferences
- Kindergarten Lunch and Learns
- ML Family Engagement Event
- PTO Meetings and Family Events
- Caring Heart Events

Inform parents and families about the Title I program, services, student eligibility, and parent and family engagement.

- If a child qualifies for Title I services, the family receives information regarding the student eligibility and services.
- A School-Parent Compact is created and made available to families.
- Title I staff participate in Parent-Teacher conferences and family meetings throughout the year.

Evaluation of the effectiveness of the parental involvement plan in improving the quality of the district's Title I schools

- The Family Engagement Plan is available and shared with families at the beginning of the school year.
- An annual survey is given to parents and asks questions about the family and engagement plan.
- Survey results and plans are reviewed and updated yearly by district leadership team.

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