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Parental Involvement

- a) Parents will be involved in the development of this revised policy, including the process for school review of the Title I Plan and the process for improvement;
- b) The Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction/principal will be responsible for coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist participating Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parent-involvement activities to improve student achievement and school performance;
- c) The measures described in paragraph (b) above will be used to build the school's and the parents' capacity for strong parental involvement;
- d) The Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction/principal will be responsible for coordinating and integrating parental involvement strategies under Title I with other programs such as Head Start, Reading First, etc.
- e) The District shall, through use of an annual survey sent to Title I parents, perform an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parental involvement policy in improving the academic quality of schools served, including by identifying barriers to greater participation by parents and Title I activities, and shall use the findings of this evaluation to design strategies for effective parental involvement and to revise, as necessary, the parental involvement strategies;
- f) School-Parent Compact - The Board shall establish a committee comprised of Title I parents, staff and administrators whose task will be to outline the means by which parents, school staff and students will share responsibility for improved student academic performance and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards.
- g) Parental involvement in Title I activities shall be addressed through the District newsletter; annual meetings for parents of participating students; posting of this policy on the District website; and by encouraging parents to meet with teachers in Title I programs.
- h) The Board hereby directs that each District Title I school develop a parental involvement policy in conjunction with the parents of participating children which will address:
 1. The convening of an annual meeting for parents of children participating in Title I programs at which the requirements of Title I and the rights of parents in such a program will be explained;

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2. Involving parents in an organized, ongoing and meaningful way in the planning, review and improvement of Title I programs, as well as processing parental comments and feedback on the adequacy of the school's Title I program.
3. The policy must also provide parents of participating children with timely information about Title I programs; description of the curriculum in use; as well as the formats of academic assessment used to measure progress and, if it is requested by the parents, opportunities for regular meetings to process suggestions and to participate (as appropriate) in decisions relating to the education of their children;
4. The school level Title I parental involvement policy must also include a school-parent compact jointly developed with Title I parents describing the school's responsibility for curriculum and instruction under Title I; describing the ways in which parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning; and addressing the importance of communication between teachers and parents on an ongoing basis.

Comparability of Services

The School District shall ensure equivalence among the schools in the District of the same grade span and levels of instruction with regard to teachers, administrators and auxiliary personnel as well as equivalence in the provision of curriculum materials and instructional supplies in Title I programs.

Title I of the Elementary and Secondary
Education Act of 1965, as amended by the
Improving America's Schools Act of 1994
20 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 6301 et seq.
34 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 75