

Flickinger Elementary Parent and Family Engagement Plan

In accordance with the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)*, as amended by the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA)*

Parents, staff, and the building administrator have developed this Parent and Family Engagement Plan in accordance with the ESSA Section 1116 activities which are accomplished at Flickinger Elementary School in the ways listed in each Section.

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<p>1116(b)(1) This Plan has been jointly developed and distributed to parents and family members in a language that can be understood. The Plan is updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.</p>	<p>Describe the development of the Plan, including the stakeholders involved, the steps taken to ensure the Plan is understood, and the process for updating the Plan.</p> <p><u>Flickinger's Title 1 Schoolwide Parent Involvement Plan has been created through the collaborative efforts of parents and staff. Parents were an intergral part of the development of this plan and their feedback and suggestions are utilized in making updates to our Title I Schoolwide Parent Involvement Plan . The plan is reviewed in the fall during the Title I Annual Meeting which is held on the evening of our building Open House and Curriculum Night. Parents have the opportunity to learn the details of the plan, ask any questions they may have, and offer feedback. Their feedback is incorporatated into the plan as appropriate. The plan will be posted on the school website for families unable to attend the annuam meeting to review. Families can contact the school should they have any questions or would like to provide feedback. The Home/School Compact is sent home in the first few weeks of school and then gone over with parents at fall conferences.</u></p>
<p>1116(c)(1) Convene an Annual Title I Parent Meeting at a time convenient to parents to inform parents of the Title I requirements and their right to be involved.</p>	<p>An annual meeting is held which includes information for parents on:</p> <p><u>Flickinger Elementary holds an Annual Title I Parent Meeting in conjunction with our building-wide Open House and Curriciulum Night which is held within the first six weeks of school. This meeting covers the Title I Schoolwide Parent and Family Engagment Plan, the Title I program, and how parents can assist their child in being academically and socially successful.</u></p> <p>How are parents encouraged to attend? <u>Parents are notified of this meeting through building newslestters, school messenger, and the school website. Teachers also include reminders in their parent communications.</u></p>
<p>1116(c)(2) Offer flexible number of meetings at times convenient to parents and provide transportation, childcare, or home visits as it</p>	<p>Meetings are offered at times convenient for parents and if needed, transportation, childcare, and home visits can be arranged:</p> <p><u>Flickinger Elementary holds flexible meetings througout the school year. Meetings are available during the school hours</u></p>

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relates to parental involvement.	<u>by appointment when requested. Handouts and materials are provided to all those that attend. For those parents that were not able to attend, materials will be sent home and/or available upon request.</u>
1116(c)(3) Involve parents in an organized, ongoing and timely way in the planning, reviewing, and improvement of Title I programs, including the development, review, and improvement of the Parent and Family Engagement Plan and the Schoolwide Program Plan.	Parents are involved in the development of the School Improvement Plan and Title I Program development in the following ways: <u>Flickinger Elementary includes parents in the planning, review, and involvement of programs. Along with the principal and staff, Parent Group members work together to help determine needs and strengths of our building. During the Fall Annual Meeting, the Parent and Family Engagement Plan along with the Home School Compact is reviewed, and parents have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have and offer feedback. Parents unable to attend the meeting are able to contact the building principal to discuss information shared at the meetings and provide feedback.</u>
1116(c)(4)(A) Provide parents of Title I children timely information about the Title I Program.	Parents are provided information regarding the school Programs in the following ways: <u>Parents receive timely information about Flickinger's programs through fall curriculum nights, parent-teacher conferences, Kindergarten Open House, and parent nights. Other information is distributed by the classroom teacher through email, individual notes sent home, the student's daily agenda, weekly classroom newsletters, weekly principal Smores, personal or phone conferences, and PowerSchool parent portal (online access to student's grades and attendance). General information for the school is available on Flickinger's website, robocall (automated voicemail recorder sent to all parents by the principal), and the district television and You Tube channel.</u> <u>Flickinger Elementary School sends notes to parents informing them when their child is participating in a tiered intervention with our Literacy Coach or paraprofessional, or receiving English Language Learner support from our English Language Teacher. Parents are informed as soon as their student is identified as at risk (below grade level based on classroom assessments). This note includes: the service the child is receiving, who is responsible for providing this service and their contact information, amount of time the child is seen per week, and what parents can do at home to help their child.</u>
1116(c)(4)(B) Provide parents of Title I children a description and explanation of the curriculum used at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure progress, and the achievement	Parents are provided information about the school's curriculum, assessments, and proficiency level expectations in the following ways: <u>Teachers provide a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at Flickinger during curriculum night/open house. During this event, teachers provide an explain the standards/grade level content expectations for their grade level. The teachers share assessments used in their</u>

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levels students are expected to meet.	<u>classroom at curriculum night and notify parents through classroom newsletters and student daily agendas when the assessments take place. The district and school sends information to the parents regarding when the MSTEP, WIDA, and NWEA assessments take place. Letters are sent explaining their students MSTEP, WIDA, and NWEA results in detail. The principal uses School Messenger and weekly Smores to share important information regarding assessment dates. Classroom teachers inform parents of student proficienc levels and where the student should be upon exiting the current grade level during parent-teacher conferences. Ongoing contact through email and phone calls is provided to those students who fall below proficiency levels.</u>
1116(c)(4)(C) Provide parents of participating Title I students opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions, to participate in decision-making as it relates to their child’s education, and to respond to any suggestions as soon as possible.	Parents have opportunities to share suggestions, participate in decision making, and respond to any suggestions in the following ways: <u>At Flickinger Elementary, parents can contact the principal, teachers, and support staff by telephone, email, or can schedule a meeting before/during/after school to discuss their child. Conferences are scheduled in the fall (November) for every student and again in the spring (February) for those students that need additional support. Throughout the year, additional conferences are available upon parent request.</u>
1116(c)(5) Ensure that if the Schoolwide Program Plan is not satisfactory to parents of participating students, submit any parent comments on the Plan when the school makes the Plan available to the Local Educational Agency (LEA).	If parents are not satisfied with the School Improvement Plan or Programs, they have opportunities to make comments by: <u>In addition to the annual survey, parents can contact the principal with any suggestions they may have for improvements of programs. Parents can address concerns during Parent Group meetings. Additionally, parents may ask gustions and discuss concerns with the classroom teacher and Title I Literacy Coach and/or the principal. We use feedback to review and make revisions as necessary for the following year.</u>
The School-Parent Compact Must:	
1116(d) Jointly, with parents, develop a School-Parent Compact that outlines how the entire school staff, parents, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1116(d) Clearly explain district and school goals for students to meet the challenging State academic standards.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1116(d) & 1116(d)(1) Describe ways that teachers are responsible for supporting students’ learning and providing high quality curriculum and instruction.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1116(d) & 1116(d)(1) Describe specific ways parents will be responsible for supporting their children’s learning.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1116(d) Describe specific ways students will be responsible for their learning.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1116(d) & 1116(d)(2)(C) Describe school activities to build partnerships with parents, including chances for parents to volunteer, take part in, and observe classroom activities, and communicate with teachers.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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1116(d) & 1116(f) Describe how parents and family members are involved in developing and revising the compact.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1116(d)(1) & 1116(d)(2)(A-C) Ensure regular two-way meaningful communication between family members and school staff throughout the school year, so that parents are kept up to date on their students' progress and get regular tips on home learning.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1116(f) Communicate information using family friendly language and format.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1116(e)(1) Shall provide assistance to parents of students served by the school in understanding the State's academic content standards, the State and Local assessments, and how to monitor their child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.	<p>How does the staff provide assistance to parents to help them understand the content standards, assessments, how to monitor their child's progress, and how to work with educators to improve the achievement of their children? What training is provided to families?</p> <p><u>Utica Community Schools sends a parent report with individual MSTEP, WIDA, and NWEA scores. We have conferences available in November for all students and in February upon request. Traditionally, Flickinger provides Title I family nights. The Title I Literacy Coach as well as the English Language Teacher is available during conferences to discuss local and district assessments. During the kindergarten Open House, new kindergarten parents are introduced to the kindergarten academic expectations and provided with home activities.</u></p>
1116(e)(2) Shall provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement.	<p>Staff will provide parents with appropriate materials and offer training in our school to enable them to support their child's academic progress. These include:</p> <p><u>During our Title I night, Curriculum Night, and Kindergarten Open House, our parents are given training and materials. Students also bring home materials borrowed or to keep that are bought with Title I funds. The ELL district night also gives informational materials to parents. Weekly district update emails, building newsletters, classroom newsletters, and building/district websites provide important materials and training for parents.</u></p>
1116(e)(3) Shall educate staff in the value and utility of parents' contributions, in how to reach out to, and communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, to coordinate and implement parental involvement programs, and to build relationships between the parents and the school.	<p>On-going professional development for staff on effective ways to increase parental involvement occurs annually. They include:</p> <p><u>The principal offers professional development for staff on effectively communicating with parents. Peer reviewed articles are shared. In addition, collaboration in school improvement team meetings are utilized to discuss and coordinate ways to increase parental involvement and buildign the relationships between the parents and the school.</u></p>

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<p>1116(e)(4) Shall coordinate and integrate parental involvement Programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local Programs, including public preschool Programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.</p>	<p>Coordination with other Programs for parental involvement includes: <u>Flickinger Elementary collaborates with the Early Childhood Special Education program to transition children from a preschool setting to the K-6 program in the building. We also involve our preschool and nursery programs in our communication of all events of the school. Our district offers ELL informational nights for parents to learn about opportunities and programs their child participates in at school, along with ways to support their child's learning. Our special education team invites families to review and update their child's Individualized Educational Plan and supports their receive in school.</u></p>
<p>1116(e)(5) Shall ensure information is shared with parents in a language and format they can understand.</p>	<p>Information is shared with parents in a language and format they can understand. Examples include: <u>We provide translated documents in multiple languages for our families. We provide both written (hard copy) and digital information as needed. We provide, though the Macomb Intemediate School District (MISD), interpreters for deaf parents. Family liasions are available to interprep for select languages. In addition, we use Language Lane Solutions interpreters for translations. All information shared is reader friendly written in a format easy to understand free of acronyms.</u></p>
<p>Gray Area - Recommended Best Practice, but Not Required</p>	
<p>1116(e)(6) May involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of such training.</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>1116(e)(7) May provide necessary literacy training from funds received under this part if the LEA has exhausted all other reasonably-available sources of funding for such training.</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>1116(e)(8) May pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with local parental involvement activities, including transportation and childcare costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions.</p>	<p>_____</p>

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1116(e)(9) May train parents to enhance the involvement of other parents.	_____
1116(e)(10) May arrange school meetings at a variety of times, or conduct in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend such conferences at school, in order to maximize parental involvement and participation.	_____
1116(e)(11) May adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement.	_____
1116(e)(12) May establish a districtwide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Programs supported under this Section.	_____
1116(e)(13) May develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parental involvement activities.	_____
1116(e)(14) Shall provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request.	<p>Parents are provided with other reasonable support such as:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>How does the school collect this information? <u>Flickinger makes every effort to support our parents and make sure their needs are met. Some ways we support families are by providing essential items for school such as backpacks, coats, and basic school supplies. Students and families have access to a digital calming room through Classlink. Individual training and materials are provided to support parents and students with at-home learning materials and strategies.</u></p>
1116(f) Shall provide full opportunities for participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children.	<p>Staff provide opportunities for full parent participation: <u>Flickinger is handicap accessible. We provide flexible meeting times and vary our Parent Group and other programs times and days. We have phone conferences, video conferenes on Microsoft TEAMS, and translators when requested and/or needed. We also provide through the MISD interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing parents. In addition, we use Language Line Solutions interpreters for translations. We</u></p>

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	<u>provide translated documents in multiple languages for our families. The UCS District website can be accessed in multiple languages.</u>