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### **Parental Involvement**

The Amity Regional District No. 5 (ARSD) Board of Education (Board) recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the school and family during the entire period the child spends in school. To support the goal of ARSD to educate all students effectively the schools and parents must work as well informed partners.

Although families are diverse in culture, language, and needs, they share ARSD's commitment to the educational success of their students. ARSD and its schools, in collaboration with parents, shall establish programs and practices that enhance parent involvement and reflect the specific needs of students and their families.

To this end ARSD Board supports the development, implementation, and regular evaluation of a parent involvement program in each school that will involve parents at all grade levels in a variety of roles. Such parent involvement policies will include, but not be limited to, the following components:

- Communication and shared information between home and school is regular, two-way, and meaningful.
- Parents are welcome in the school, and their support and assistance are sought.
- Input from parents on significant school-related issues is sought.
- Parents are informed as to how they can assist in their children's learning.
- Community resources are available to strengthen school programs, family practices, and student learning.
- The two required parent-teacher conferences per year, beginning July 1, 2021 and each school year thereafter, can be fulfilled by ARSD offering parents the option of attending any parent-teacher conference by the use of telephonic, video, or other conferencing platforms.
- An additional parent-teacher conference, in addition to the two required conferences, shall be conducted during periods when ARSD provides remote learning for more than three consecutive weeks and one additional parent-teacher conference every six months thereafter for the duration of such period of remote learning.
  - ARSD will request from the parent/guardian of each student the name and contact information of an emergency contact person who may be contacted, if the student's parent/guardian cannot be reached to schedule a parent-teacher conference required when ARSD is providing remote learning for a period of three consecutive weeks or more.
  - In situations in which the teacher is unable to contact a student's parent/guardian after three attempts to schedule the required parent-teacher conference during a period of remote learning provided by ARSD for three consecutive weeks or more, such teacher is directed to report such inability to the principal, school

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counselor, or other school administrator designated by the Board. Such principal, counselor, or administrator is to contact the student's emergency contact to determine the student and family's health and safety.

By December 1, 2021 the Board shall utilize the document developed by the State Department of Education that provides information concerning educational, safety, mental health, and food insecurity resources and programs available to students and their families.