



# TITLE I

## Annual Public Meeting

Alexander County Schools

### What is the goal of Title I?

Title I schools work to:

- ◆ Identify and support the needs of all students, especially those with the highest need of academic help
- ◆ Develop or purchase programs to improve regular classroom instruction and monitor student progress
- ◆ Increase family engagement to support their child's learning.
- ◆ Develop and implement a School Improvement Plan to address areas of need (See the school website for more information.)

### What is Title I?

Title I is a federal program that provides funding to schools with high percentages of low-income families. It is designed to help schools support the needs of all students and assist them in meeting state academic standards.

### Who benefits from Title I?

Six schools in Alexander County are identified as school-wide Title I: Ellendale Elementary, Hiddenite Elementary, Stony Point Elementary, Sugar Loaf Elementary, Taylorsville Elementary, and Wittenburg Elementary. This means 40% of the students in each school come from low-income families.

All students at these schools benefit from Title I funds, especially the students with the highest risk of not meeting state standards. These students receive additional support in the areas of reading and math from teachers, tutors, teacher assistants, and interventionist/reading specialists.

### What is taught in Title I schools?

ACS Title I schools provide various programs and resources including:

- √ NC ELA (English Language Arts) Standard Course of Study
- √ NC Standard Course of Study for Mathematics
- √ NC Essential Standards for Science Social Studies, Art, Healthy Living, and more



### How are Title I funds used?

Title I funding is used schoolwide to ensure that all students benefit. Title I funding provides:

- ◆ Additional teachers, teacher assistants, or tutors
- ◆ Professional development
- ◆ Instructional materials and resources
- ◆ Various technology
- ◆ Parent & family events and resources to use at home



## What rights do families have?

Families in Title I schools have the right to:

- ◆ Request information regarding the qualifications of their child's teacher
- ◆ Be informed of state and local tests used throughout the school year to monitor the progress of all students ([www.alexander.k12.nc/testinginfo](http://www.alexander.k12.nc/testinginfo))
- ◆ Request opportunities for regular meetings to provide suggestions for school improvement and participate in decisions about the education of their children.

## How do Title I schools improve family engagement?

Title I schools strive to strengthen family engagement by working with families to:

- ◆ Develop, review, and revise the Parent & Family Engagement Policy and Compact
- ◆ Create a welcoming environment for all families
- ◆ Provide and improve open communication between home and school
- ◆ Link events to learning opportunities so that every child is successful

## What Opportunities are Provided to Keep Families Engaged?

Title I schools keep families engaged in the life of the school and their child's learning various opportunities that include:

- ◆ Attending parent-teacher conferences (Fall & Spring))
- ◆ Participating in family events held throughout the school year
- ◆ Volunteering at school, in the classroom or special events
- ◆ Signing and following the Parent/Family-Student-Teacher Compact
- ◆ Reading to your child or listening to him/her read aloud
- ◆ Helping your child with homework
- ◆ Reading, signing and/or returning papers, newsletters, emails, messages
- ◆ Talking with your child about school on a regular basis
- ◆ Contacting the teacher when needed
- ◆ Completing school surveys
- ◆ Connecting through various multi-media (school website, DOJO, Remind 101, social media, etc.)
- ◆ Providing input on the compact and the school's and/or district's Parent & Family Engagement Policy
- ◆ Serving on committees, PTO and/or on the Parent Advisory Council

