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Balls Creek Elementary School Title 1 Parent/Family Engagement Policy 2023-2024

In collaboration with our Title 1 Parent Advisory Board, the Balls Creek Elementary school staff has jointly developed and agreed upon this Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy. The main focal point of this policy is to encourage, foster, and increase parent participation in the development and implementation of our school programs. Our staff and parents are instrumental in creating a positive and nurturing climate for all students. This will directly correlate to our Title 1 students meeting the schools, districts, and state's academic standards.

The Balls Creek Elementary School Title 1 Advisory Council comprises Title 1 staff: teachers, parents, Title 1 students, and the administration. Our council annually updates the Parent Involvement Policy by utilizing the information given by our Title 1 parents. This working document is available for parents and community members to review on our webpage. Hard copies are available upon request.

This Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy was crafted by adhering to all Title 1 requirements and is a working document. If needed, title 1 funds are utilized to provide our parents with services and the opportunity to attend meetings and workshops. The Title 1 funds will help provide our parents with childcare, transportation, parent workshops, and materials.

1. Parent Involvement Meetings

- Initial meeting to develop the policy
- Informational meetings during the year to keep parents informed and solicit suggestions/ideas from parents

2. Meetings & information-sharing opportunities to devise/review information

(meeting(s) will be conducted at various times to accommodate everyone; for working parents, other modes of communication will be used to share information and encourage involvement other than face-to-face meetings, such as social media and the use of technology)

- Parent Involvement Policy
- Current Curriculum
- School State Report Card information
- Explanation of parent's rights
- Explanation of Title 1 requirements and guidelines
- NC Assessments and Standards
- Home and School Compact
- Spring Needs Assessment Survey
- Any other information that is pertinent to Title 1

3. **Ongoing Communication Process for Parent's knowledge** (These methods of communication will include the following information: Explanation of curriculum forms of academic assessment, proficiency levels of students, state's academic content standards, and local assessments).
 - School's website
 - District website
 - Phone calls
 - Parent Report Card conferences
 - NC DPI Website
 - Letters to home via mail
 - Workshops
 - Parent Square
 - Social Media Sites (Facebook, Twitter, Etc.)
 - School Website
 - Print materials sent home

4. **Providing Materials and Training to Parents** (These methods will help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement).
 - Parent Workshops/Information Sessions
 - Print materials sent home

5. **Solicit/integrate parent involvement strategies with local agencies, schools & programs**
 - Catawba County Schools professional development programs
 - Balls Creek Elementary Programs (PTO, Parent workshops, Career Day)
 - Other events held by individual classrooms (integrated project activities, hosting outside agencies and community leaders)

6. **Foster solid and productive parental involvement through**
 - Various and flexible meeting times throughout the year
 - Parent workshops on various parenting topics
 - Provide take-home materials and supplies to support learning

7. **Parents, through Balls Creek Elementary support, will be encouraged to improve and enhance their skills and gain information by:**
 - Attending and participating in workshops
 - Attending Report Card Conferences
 - Attending the mandatory Title 1 Annual Meeting
 - Attending the school-wide meetings during the year
 - Reading the letters, newsletters, website, and all other communication pieces
 - Communicating with the Title 1 parent Advisory Members
 - Attending School Assemblies

This Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy was created in compliance with the Title 1 regulations and guidelines. The overarching goal of our Parent Policy is to actively engage our parents, in a collaborative effort with our staff and community members, in our school's academic process and programs to improve student achievement.