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**James J. Davis Early Learning Center**  
**Whale Branch Elementary School**  
**PROUD TITLE I SCHOOL**

**September SIC/PTO Meeting Agenda**

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Title I Annual Parent Meeting
  - What is Title I?
    - Beaufort County Title I Schools
      - Title I is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools.
      - The goal of Title I is a higher quality of education for every child.
      - The program serves millions of children in elementary and secondary schools each year.
      - There are currently 18 Title I Schools in the Beaufort County School District.
      - The federal government provides funding to states based on census and poverty data each year for Title I.
      - The South Carolina Department of Education sends the money to the local school districts.
      - The school district identifies eligible schools their percentage of Pupils in Poverty and provides Title I funds.
      - All Title I schools in the BCSD implement a schoolwide program.
    - How are funds are determined
      - Each school has a school advisory committee composed of parents, teachers, other staff that work at the school, community representatives and the principal.
      - The School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as the school advisory committee
      - A needs assessment is completed
      - Goals are developed for the school year and a School Renewal Plan is written
      - The SIC approves the Title I budget for the school which is a funding source to support the School Renewal Plan.
  - School Goals
    - By Spring 2024, students in grades 1-4 will increase MAP Reading & Math 10%
    - By Spring 2024, students in grades 3-4 will increase SC Ready by 10% in ELA and Math
    - Increase Teacher Retention
    - School Goals for WBES reviewed by assistant principals
  - How our Title I Funds are Used
    - Professional Development
    - Instructional Resources
    - Additional Staff
    - Field Trips



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- School Performance
  - Whale Branch Elementary: 90 Day Plan
  - Big Rock 1: Provide Quality Tier 1 Instruction
  - Big Rock 2: Building Teacher and Staff Capacity
  - Big Rock 3: Staff Culture
  - Increase SC Ready by 10% in ELA and Math by 2024
- School Curriculum
  - Scholastic Literacy
  - Open Court
  - LETRS
  - iReady Reading & Math
  - Reading Plus
  - Ready Math
  - Reflex Math
  - Leader in Me
  - Systematic Instruction in Phonological Awareness
  - Dreambox
  - Learning A-Z
- Parent Policy and Compact
  - Title I law requires that all Title I schools and families work together
  - How we work together is listed in the following documents
    - Parent-School Compact
      - Outlines the shared responsibilities of the school, parent, and students or order support high student achievement
      - Distributed and signed by parents each year
      - Is reviewed yearly during the Spring planning process with input from parents.
    - Parental and Family Engagement Policy
      - Includes activities intended to engage parents, in a meaningful way in the development, implementation, and review of the parental involvement program.
      - Development allows for parents to give input on important issues pertaining to school and community.
      - Parents work with school staff to write the Parent and Family Engagement Policy
      - Distributed and posted to school's website each year
      - Evaluated in the spring and any revisions are made with SIC
  - Both of these documents are distributed to parents each year and your feedback on these documents is very much appreciated.
- Notification of Parent's Right to Know
  - Each year Title I schools are required to provide certain notifications to parents. Parents:
    - may request regular meetings to express opinions and concerns;



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- must be provided information on your child's level of achievement on local assessments like State Tests such as SCPASS (Science & Social Studies), SC Ready (ELA & Math), KRA (Kindergarten), CogAT & ITBS (Grade 2), & ACCESS (ESOL);
  - must be provided information on your child's level of achievement in Reading/Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science;
  - may request and receive information on the qualifications of your child's teacher; and
  - must be informed if your child is taught by a non-certified teacher for four or more consecutive weeks.
- Parent & Family Engagement
    - Your engagement is KEY to your child's success
      - You are your child's first teacher.
      - You have the ability to influence your child's education more than any teacher or school.
      - Choose to volunteer in your child's classroom or participate in other ways such as committee members. (See your school's principal)
      - You know your child best:
        - Share information about your child's interests and abilities with teachers; and
        - Ask to see progress reports on your child and the school.
  - Reviewed Simple Ways to Support Your Child's Education
  - Reviewed Simple Ways Know Your School and Communicate With Teachers

### III. Parent Comments & Questions

The Parent Involvement Policy was developed with Parental, Community Leadership, JJDEL/WBE staff and Administration input through our School Improvement Council and our School Planning Team. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please contact the office by calling (843) 466-1000.