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## **DISTRICT WIDE PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY**

### **PART I GENERAL EXPECTATIONS**

The Weymouth Township School district agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- The school district will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents with Title I, Part A programs, consistent with section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of students in Title I programs.
- Consistent with section 1118, the school district will work to ensure that the required school-level parent involvement policies meet the requirements of section 1118(b) of the ESEA, and each include, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
- The school district will incorporate this district wide parent involvement policy into its LEA plan developed under section 1112 of the ESEA.
- In carrying out the Title I, Part A parent involvement requirements, to the extent practical, the school district will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practical, in a language parents understand.
- If the LEA plan for Title I, Part A, developed under section 1112 of the ESEA, is not satisfactory to the parents of students in Title I programs, the school district will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school district submits the plan to the State Department of Education.



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- The school district will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the one percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parent involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the school.
- The school district will be governed by the following statutory definition of parent involvement, and expects that its Title I school will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

***Parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:***

1. That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
2. That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
3. That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;
4. The carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.

The school district will inform parents and parent organizations of the purpose and existence of the Parent Information and Resource Center in the State.

## **PART II**

### **IMPLEMENTING PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICIES**

1. The Weymouth Township School district will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its district wide parent involvement policy under section 1112 of the ESEA:

Pursuant to federal law, the district and the parents of students participating in Title I district programs have jointly developed the following parent involvement policy. The policy shall be implemented by the superintendent or designee according to the timeline set forth in the policy and incorporated in the district's Title I plan.



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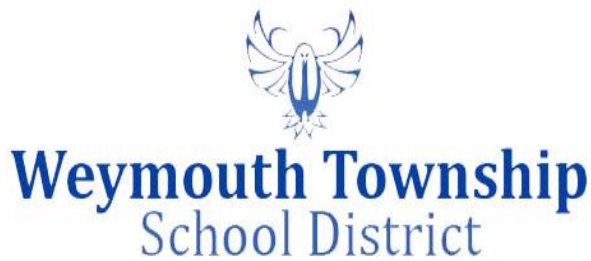
2. The Weymouth Township School district will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:

The district shall hold an annual meeting for parents of students in Title I programs, as well as school Title I staff, the principal, and other interested persons to discuss the Title I program plan, review implementation of the Title I plan, discuss how Title I funds allotted for parent involvement activities shall be used, and invite suggestions for improvement.

Parents will be notified of state assessment results and have opportunity to participate in a public discussion during open Board of Education meetings.

3. The Weymouth Township School district will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in building the capacity for strong parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance: This coordination, assistance and support shall include:

- a. Shall provide assistance to the parents of children served by the district, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the state's academic content standards and state student academic achievement standards. State and district assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children.
- b. 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.
- c. Shall educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners,



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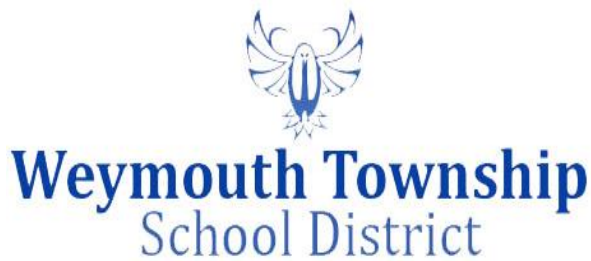
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implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school.

- d. Shall ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents can understand.
- e. Shall provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this part as parents may request.
- f. May involve parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of such training.
- g. May provide necessary literacy training from funds received under this part if the district has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for such training.
- h. May train parents to enhance the involvement of other parents.
- i. 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.
- j. May adopt and implement model approaches to improving parental involvement.

4. The Weymouth Township School district will coordinate and integrate parent involvement strategies in Part A with parent involvement strategies under the following other programs: State-operated preschool program.

5. The Weymouth Township School district will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parent involvement policy in improving the quality of its Title I, Part A schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parent involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically



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disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The school district will use the findings of the evaluation about its parent involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parent involvement and to revise, if necessary (with the involvement of parents), its parent involvement policies.

- a. Shall distribute a survey to parents of Title I children to measure effectiveness of parental involvement activities and practices.
- b. Shall distribute a survey to staff to evaluate parental participation in school planned activities.

### **PART III: HOW DISTRICT WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED DISTRICT WIDE SCHOOL BASED PARENT INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES**

The Weymouth Township School district will build the school's and parent's capacity for strong parent involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:

1. The school district will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph --
  - the State's academic content standards,
  - the State's student academic achievement standards,
  - the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
  - the requirements of Part A,
  - how to monitor their child's progress, and
  - how to work with educators



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2. The school district will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children’s academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parent involvement, by:

Hosting information sessions and parent/teacher conferences to inform parents of their child’s academic achievement

3. The school district will, with the assistance of parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and other staff in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners in the value and utility of contributions of parents and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools.

**PART V: ADOPTION**

This Weymouth Township School Parental Involvement Policy/Procedures have been developed/revised jointly with, and agreed upon with, parents of children participating in Title I program, as evidenced by meeting minutes.

The Parent Involvement Policy/Procedures were developed/revised by Weymouth Township School on 9/5/2018 and will be in effect for the period of 2018-2019 school year. The school will distribute these Parent Involvement Policy/Procedures to all parents of participating Title I children and make it available to the community on or before September 18, 2018.

*Helene Fullmer*

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Signature of Title I Authorized Representative

9.9.2019

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