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Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2019- 2020 School Year

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Parent and Family Engagement

Palmetto Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- Parents and families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- 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.

What is Title I?

Palmetto Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I, is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.



How is it revised?

This plan was jointly developed and revised with input from parents, guardians and teachers. Parents and families are invited to our annual Parent Input Meetings, held in the Fall or Spring of each school year. The plan is reviewed and revised at least annually to meet the changing needs of families and the school. Parent input was gathered throughout the school year through a variety of sources, including e-mail, suggestion box, parent surveys, and parent feedback forms. Parents were offered flexible meeting times to give input on how the 1% of Parent and Family Engagement funds should be used. These meetings allowed parents to be collectively involved in the review and revision of the school's Parent and Family Engagement Plan. The school offers opportunities for parents to be involved in regular meetings.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Palmetto Elementary School will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

Where is it available?

The plan is distributed to all parents and the community multiple ways. Some of the ways are: school's website, Parent Resource Center, Thursday Folders, and can retrieve a copy in the school's front office. The plan is also available at Palmetto Public Library.

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2019-2020 District Goals

All schools in the district will score in the 90th percentile or above as measured by the College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI).

- Student Achievement - Prepare students with strong academic foundations and the skills needed to navigate life beyond graduation
- People and Culture - Provide a welcoming environment and positive school and district culture for students, families and employees
- Community Collaboration - Engage families, community members and civic organizations as active partners
- Fiscal Responsibility - Manage and protect public funds and assets through efficient and effective use of available resources

For measurable outcomes and to review the Strategic Plan 2022 visit https://www.fultonschools.org/domain/282

2019-2020 School Goal(s)

Grades K-2

- By May 2020, increase student achievement in reading by 3% for all K-2 students as measured BAS (Benchmark Assessment System) and Fast Bridge.

- By May 2020, increase student achievement in math by 3%, for all K-2 students as measured by Fast Bridge Assessment, and I-Reay Math Diagnostic.

Grades 3-5

- By May 2020, increase student achievement in literacy by 3% for all 3-5 students as measured BAS (Benchmark Assessment System) and Georgia Milestones Assessment System.

- By May 2020, increase student achievement in math by 3%, for all 3-5 students as measured by Fast Bridge Assessment, and Georgia Milestones Assessment System.

Communication

Palmetto Elementary will communicate frequently with parents about the students' academic progress. The school will engage parents in meaningful two-way communication combining academics and activities to ensure parents play an active role in helping their child academically, that they are full partners in the applicable advisory capacity, and any other activities that are carried out in the existing Parent and Family Engagement plan.

School-Family Compact

It is an agreement that families, teachers, and students review and revise annually that explains how all parents, teachers, and students will work together to make sure ALL students reach their academic potential and share responsibility for improved student achievement. A signed compact represents will build and develop partnerships to help children achieve a State Academic Standard.

Title I Reservations of Funds

Palmetto Elementary School invites parents and families to be involved in decision-making opportunities regarding how the 1% of the parent engagement funds are used. Title I require that 1% of budget funds are set-aside for parent engagement resources, activities, and events. Parent Input is welcomed throughout the school year.

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Let's Get Together

Palmetto Elementary School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

- **Open House**: August 6, 2019
- **ESOL Workshop:** September 4, 2019
- **Annual Title I Parent Meeting**: September 17, 2019 5:30pm
- **Curriculum Night**: September 17, 2019 6:00pm
- **Resource Room Open House:** September 17, 2019 5:00pm
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences** (Monthly)
- **Family Math Night**: October 29, 2019
- **Parent Read Day**: October 31, 2019
- **APTT: September** 26, 2019, November 14, 2019, March 19, 2020
- **Literacy Stations:** December 20, 2019
- **Sweetheart Lunch & Learn** (Math & Literacy, and GMAS) January 28, 2020
- **Technology Parent Information Meeting**: February 20, 2020
- **Annual Title I Stakeholder's Input Meeting**: March 20, 2020
- **Transitions Workshop**: May 8, 2010

*******The workshop schedule is subject to change with advanced notice. *********.

Palmetto Elementary is Branching Out!

Palmetto Elementary School will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will:

- ✓ Coordinate and integrate family engagement programs, activities, and strategies to help parents of Pre-K students more fully participate in the education of their child. Services are also coordinated with our feeder middle schools to assist families to making smooth transitions to the next grade level.
- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is written in an understandable and uniform format on the school website and included in the weekly school update via email for all parents.
- ✓ Offer all parent meetings and events to parents in a timely manner and at various times (morning and afternoon) to accommodate parents' schedules.
- ✓ Share information on the school website and in Title I parent workshops for parents to understand the school and state academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through weekly emails, monthly newsletters, and Class Dojo.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and workshops to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parent and family engagement.
- ✓ Inform parents of classes to help further enhance their various education backgrounds.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.
- ✓ Staff trainings will be provided by the Parent Liaison each semester to educate staff on utility and value of parent contribution, communication, and working with parents as equal partners. In addition, staff will receive continuous support throughout the school year to further assist with effective parent communication strategies.



School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

This is a plan that describes how Palmetto Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. This plan describes the different ways that Palmetto Elementary will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- 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;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.
- The school may offer resources to assist parents with transportation and childcare if it is a barrier to parent and family engagement.

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PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT STANDARDS

Palmetto Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. Please see below.

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speak Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with the Community

WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office or Parent Resource Center:

Name: (optional) _____

Email/Phone (optional) _____

Comments_____

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Other ways to offer feedback throughout the school year: Suggestion box located in the Parent Resource Center; Feedback form located on the school's website as well as the Parent Resource Room, Parent Input Meetings, and Annual Parent Surveys.

Parent Resource Center

The Parent Resource Center is open daily from **8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 2:10 p.m. (Monday-Friday).**
Parents can use the Parent Resource Center to gain access to resources to help their child at home.

The following resources are available for parents in the Resource Room:

- **Literature:** Books, videos, and magazines are available for check-out.
- **Computers/Printer:** Available to search and apply for employment opportunities and resume building.
- **Parenting Support:** Fulton County resources for parents and Home Access Center.
- **Educational Learning Systems:** Leapfrogs and interactive educational games.
- **Educational Development:** Educational classes are created as needed to assist Title I Parents.

****Volunteer and Partnership Opportunities Available****
https://www.fultonschools.org/volunteer

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