

Bellflower Unified School District

Title I School Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Thomas Jefferson Elementary

Thomas Jefferson Elementary, with parents and family members, has jointly developed, mutually agreed upon, and distributed to, parents and family members of participating children in Title I, Part A programs the following requirements as outlined in ESSA sections 1116(b) and (c).

Describe how parents and family members of participating children in Title I, Part A programs are involved in jointly developing, distributing to, a written school parent and family engagement policy, agreed upon by such parents for carrying out the requirements in ESSA Section 1116(c) through (f) (ESSA Section 1116[b][1]):

- School Site Council (SSC) collaborates to write and review the Title I School Parent and Family Engagement Policy annually.
- Title I School Parent and Family Engagement Policy is uploaded into Data Confirmation through Aeries to be distributed to all families at Title I schools at the beginning of the year.
- Title I School Parent and Family Engagement Policy is discussed during the annual Title I Parent Meeting at the beginning of each school year.
- The Title I School Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be embedded in the data confirmation process at the beginning of the academic year.

Describe how parents and family members of participating children in Title I, Part A programs, may amend a parent and family engagement school policy that applies to all parents and family members, if necessary, to meet the requirements (ESSA Section 1116[b][2]):

- All parents are welcome to attend SSC meetings as members of the public to address agenda items. Agendas with meeting dates, times, and locations will be posted 72 hours in advance. Parents may share their suggestions or concerns with SSC as they are reviewing and updating the Title I School Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

Describe how the Local Educational Agency (LEA) involved has a school district-level parent and family engagement policy that applies to all parents and family members in all schools served by the LEA, and how the LEA may amend that policy, if necessary to meet the requirements (ESSA Section 1116[b][3]):

- The LEA Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be reviewed and updated annually. The LEA policy will be updated and shared with site level SSCs at all Title I schools to receive input.

Describe how parents and family members of children participating in Title I, Part A programs can, if they find that the plan under ESSA Section 1112 is not satisfactory to the parents and family members, and the LEA shall submit the parent comments with the plan when the LEA submits the plan to the State (ESSA Section 1116[b][4]):

- BUSD's Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) is shared with multiple parent advisory groups: District Advisory Group, Parent Advisory Committee, and District

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English Language Advisory Committee. During each presentation of the LCAP, diligent notes are taken with respect to parent comments and discussions.

- BUSD's LCAP survey solicits input from all educational partners including staff, parents, and community members. Comments are collected in a digital format and addressed accordingly through our advisory committees as the LCAP is reviewed and updated.
- BUSD shares educational partners' feedback and BUSD responses to the feedback at all advisory committee meetings, with the Board of Education, and submits this information to the State with the LCAP as part of the educational partners feedback section.

Describe how the school served by Title I, Part A funds holds an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents and family members of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under Title I, Part A and to explain the requirements and the rights of the parents to be involved (ESSA Section 1116[c][1]):

- Thomas Jefferson's annual Title I Parent Meeting is held at the beginning of each school year during Back to School Night, as this is an event with maximum attendance.
- The annual Title I Parent Meeting presentation explains Title I requirements and regulations in detail. It also provides specific information about site Title I funds and expenditures, parent notifications and participation, and parent involvement opportunities.
- The school site council meets regularly to monitor programs at Thomas Jefferson School including the parent involvement program. The role of the council is to monitor current programs involving parents, evaluate effectiveness, and expand and/or modify program strategies and components as necessary.

Describe how parents and family members of participating children are involved, and in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of schoolwide program plan under ESSA Section 1114(b), except that if a school has in place a process for involving parents in the joint planning and design of the school's programs, the school may use that process, if such process includes an adequate representation of parents of participating children (ESSA Section 1116[c][3]):

- During the annual Title I Parent Meeting, specific details regarding Title I services are reviewed. We also review the process for writing and reviewing the School Plan for Student Achievement. The Annual Title I Parent Meeting also reviews all of the parent notification requirements for Title I, including the family engagement policy. Specific information about the school's Title I program and services is shared and reviewed. Parents are welcome and encouraged to provide input.
- All parents are welcome to attend English Learning Advisory Committee (ELAC) meetings. Agendas with meeting dates, times, and locations will be posted 72 hours in

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advance. ELAC reviews and provides input for the School Plan for Student Achievement, which includes the Title I program and services.

- All parents are welcome to attend SSC meetings as members of the public to address agenda items. Agendas with meeting dates, times, and locations will be posted 72 hours in advance. Parents may participate in the planning, review and improvement of the School Plan for Student Achievement, which includes the Title I program and services, and the Title I School Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

Describe how the school is providing parents and family members of participating children of Title I, Part A programs: timely information about programs under Title I, Part A; a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards; and if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible (ESSA sections 1116[c][4][A-C]):

- During the annual Title I Parent Meeting, specific information is shared about the Title I program and services, the adopted curriculum, academic assessments, and analysis of school data which includes achievement levels as measured by California state content standards.
- During Back to School Night, teachers share about the Title I program and services, the adopted curriculum, and academic assessments with the parents of students in their individual classes.
- During annual parent conferences, teachers discuss the Title I program and services, the adopted curriculum, academic assessments, and individual achievement data which includes achievement levels as measured by California state content standards and how they pertain to each individual student.
- The school site council meets regularly to monitor programs at Thomas Jefferson School including the parent involvement program. The role of the council is to monitor current programs involving parents, evaluate effectiveness, and expand and/or modify program strategies and components as necessary.

Describe how the schoolwide program plan, ESSA Section 1114(b), if not satisfactory to the parents of participating children in Title I, Part A programs, can submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the LEA (ESSA Section 1116[c][5]):

- All parents are welcome to attend SSC meetings as members of the public to address agenda items. Agendas with meeting dates, times, and locations will be posted 72 hours in advance. Parents may participate in the planning, review and improvement of the School Plan for Student Achievement, which includes the Title I program and services. Parent input and comments are documented on the SSC minutes, which are submitted

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with the School Plan for Student Achievement, for review by district administration and the Board of Education.

Thomas Jefferson Elementary's Title I, Part A School Parent and Family Engagement Policy was developed jointly and agreed on with parents and family members of children participating in Title I, Part A programs on April, 2024. The School will distribute the policy to all parents and family members of participating Title I, Part A students annually on or before 09/15/2024.

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Signature of Principal: *Angelica Montelongo*

Date: 05/03/2024