School Parent and Family Engagement Plan
Flat Shoals Elementary School
School Year: 2026 – 2027
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In support of strengthening student academic achievement, **Flat Shoals Elementary** receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written Parent and Family Engagement Plan that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The Plan establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's Plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

Flat Shoals Elementary agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1116:

- Involve parents, 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 Plan and the joint development of the Schoolwide Title I Plan under Section 1114(b) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- Update the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school, distribute it to the parents of participating children, and make the Parent and Family Engagement Plan available to the local community.
- Provide full opportunities, to the extent practicable, 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 ESSA in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon[1] request and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the Schoolwide Title I Plan under Section 1114(b) of the ESSA is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the Plan when the school makes the Plan available to the local educational agency.

- Be governed by the following statutory definition of parent and family engagement and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

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

  (A) Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
  (B) Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school
  (C) 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
  (D) Other activities are carried out, such as those described in Section 1116 of the ESSA

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

Flat Shoals Elementary School will take the following actions to involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including opportunities for regular meetings, if requested by parents, to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

Flat Shoals Elementary School (FSE) will involve parents 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 Plan the joint development of the Schoolwide Program Plan, in a Title I Revision Meeting during the spring of each school year.

All meetings' notifications, instructional materials, and other pertinent information will be presented in the language easily understood by the parents. Oral explanations and directions will be translated for parents as necessary.

ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING

Flat Shoals Elementary will take the following actions to conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time, and encourage and invite all parents of participating children to attend to inform them about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program, the parents' requirements, the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan, the Schoolwide Title I Plan, and the School-Parent Compact.

An Annual Title I Meeting will be held before October 31st of the current school year. All parents will be invited and encouraged to attend. Schoolwide Title I information will be discussed to explain the delivery of services available to students, the system and school's goals, parents' responsibilities, parents' rights to be involved, and the plans to meet the requirements of the Title I program. The Title I program will assist parents in understanding the State, County, and school's curriculum and Title I goals and objectives, which will be available to all parents. Parents and the school will be encouraged to set high expectations for all students and become familiar with and understand the curriculum.

COMMUNICATIONS

Flat Shoals Elementary will take the following actions to provide parents of participating children the following:

- Timely information about the Title I programs
- Flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide with Title I funds, childcare or teams meetings, as such services relate to parent and family engagement.
- Information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

Flat Shoals Elementary will take the following actions to jointly develop with parents of participating children a School-Parent Compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards.

Flat Shoals Elementary School is a schoolwide Title I school, and all parents are invited and encouraged to attend all Title I meetings, trainings, and workshops. Printed flyers are posted at the school and sent home though parent square with students announcing upcoming events. Announcements for these events are also posted on the school's website and the school's marquee.

Monthly school and Title I newsletters, a schoolwide phone system, informal communication, personal telephone calls, and at least two parent-teacher conferences will keep parents informed of upcoming Title I programs and activities. A parent information board will be available for parents that will include school and PTO news.

Meetings and training workshops for parents will be offered at flexible times to allow parents to participate in the school's programs. These events will be offered in the mornings and early evenings throughout the school year. Light refreshments may be provided for parents and childcare is also available as needed. Flat Shoals Elementary will survey parents about the topics of programs they consider to be most beneficial, the schedule, and location of meetings/workshops. Planned meetings/workshops will afford parents opportunities to share experiences with other parents, formulate suggestions, and participate in decisions relating to the education of their children. The planned meetings/workshops will be informal with staff. Invited guest speakers will also help parents to accomplish their goals.

The parents, school staff and students at Flat Shoals Elementary School have partnered together to develop this School-Parent Compact for achievement. Teachers suggested home learning strategies, parents added input about the types of support they needed, and students told us what would help them learn. Parents are also encouraged to participate in the workshop and meeting surveys that is also used as a tool to collect parent feedback regarding the current Title I program and plans. This survey will be available online at the end of 1st semester.

RESERVATION OF FUNDS

If applicable, **Flat Shoals Elementary** will take the following actions to involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parent and family engagement is spent by:

Parents of students receiving services are involved in the decisions regarding how funds reserved are allotted for parental involvement activities. Parents are invited and encouraged to participate in the assessment of the Title I programs, provide input regarding the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan and the School-Parent Compact. Copies of these documents are available on our website for parents to review and provide input.

COORDINATION OF SERVICES

Flat Shoals Elementary will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children by:

Area businesses and community members will be invited to participate in school events and provide information on resources made available to parents. Sponsors will be used in supporting PTA events. Community members' services will also be included in conducting parent training sessions. Flat Shoals Elementary will ensure the parents are aware of these services offered by the district and FSE.

BUILDING CAPACITY OF PARENTS

Flat Shoals Elementary will build the parents' capacity for strong parent and family engagement to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following:

- Providing parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards;
- Materials and training to help parents to 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; and
- Providing assistance to parents of participating children, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:
    - The challenging State's academic standards
    - The State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
    - The requirements of Title I, Part A
    - How to monitor their child's progress
    - How to work with educators to improve the achievement of their child

A minimum of four (4) parent workshops will be provided during the school year. Topics for these workshops will be based on student and parent needs. Part of the trainings will include strategies that parents can use at home to reinforce literacy and math skills. Parents will be trained to use several resources, including technology and tools to utilize in the home setting. Instructional Coaches and district level coaches, in addition to the teachers, will provide support and academic skills to help parents. Instructional materials and literature about how to help children succeed in school will be offered for checkout from the Parent Resource Center. Parent "Make It - Take It" workshops will extend the Title I program to the home.

BUILDING CAPACITY OF SCHOOL STAFF

Flat Shoals Elementary will provide training to educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, 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, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school by:

Staff will be trained twice per semester for a total of four trainings during the school year to develop and collaborate efforts between the school, parents, and community using various resources. Parent suggestions will also be included in planning professional learning for the

Flat Shoals Elementary will provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities under Section 1116 as parents may request by:

FSE will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request. Childcare may be provided for parents to make it convenient for them to participate in meetings and workshops. Meetings and workshops will be scheduled at a variety of times to maximize opportunities for parents to participate. Teachers may also arrange phone conferences with parents if they are unable to meet at the school.