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Title I K-8 Parent & Family Engagement Plan Summary

Mission Statement
DDE K-8 strives to maintain strong partnerships with parents and families through effective communication, resource support, training, decision-making, and encouraging families to become active participants in their child's education.

Annual Title I Meeting
Parents are invited to attend this meeting at the beginning of the school year to learn more about our schoolwide Title I Program and requirements of Title I. Our meeting will be on Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 5:00pm in the Media Center. All parents are welcome. Please let us know if you need any support, such as translation or accessibility.

Shared Decision-Making
Families will be invited to many meetings and events throughout the year to receive academic information, reports, and provide input on ways the school, families and students can share responsibility for student success. We hope you will join us for School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings, (1st Tuesday of each month at 6pm), teacher-parent conferences, Title I meetings, parent trainings, and school events.

Parent and Family Engagement Trainings
Based on input from our families and staff last year, we will provide the following activities to assist families in understanding their children's academic achievement and support learning at home:

- **FUN with STEAM Night** - We will partner with the Cox Science Center to offer a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEAM) Night to increase parents and students' engagement and understanding of science concepts. This event is scheduled for September 15, 2026.

- **Breakfast & Books with a Role Model-** Students and their role model will read and discuss books together over breakfast. Research supports the positive impact a male role model has on student achievement. Adults will learn strategies for reading to and with their child as well as how to have conversations before, during and after reading. This event is scheduled for January to align with Celebrate Literacy Week, FL!

- **All Pro Dads**, a national educational and charitable organization, will begin a DDE Chapter. Once a month, dads can come to DDE to engage in meaningful conversations and activities with their child centered on character development. These events will be once a month.

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School-Home Communication
Based on your input, we will provide flexible meeting dates and times to accommodate work schedules whenever possible. We will also communicate in an ongoing and timely manner using a variety of methods including our school website, social media, emails, phone calls, by flyers and letters sent home in your child's Take-Home folder, through notes in the student agenda, and academic reports.

We use our schoolwide messaging platform, *Messages XR*, to send phone calls, emails, and texts. Please make sure we have your most current phone number and email on file in SIS so that you receive this school-wide communication. If you find that communication is not getting home, please let us know.

Accessibility
We encourage all families to attend meetings and events. We provide translated documents, digital messages, interpreters, translators, accessible meeting spaces, and multiple meeting days and times, including virtual when available. Please notify us is other assistance is needed. We want all families to be part of their child's education!

Volunteer
Families are encouraged to volunteer at our school to help students and teachers be successful. Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is looking for parents to join! Please contact ddek8.pto@gmail.com.

Thank you for your partnership for increasing student achievement!

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