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Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2026–2027

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What is Title I?

As part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Matilda Hartley Elementary School is identified as a Title I school. Title I, Part A is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards and to reinforce and enhance efforts 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 parent and family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written Parent and Family Engagement Plan to strengthen student academic achievement.

District Goals

Strategic Goal 1: Student Achievement	All Students will continually demonstrate high academic and social-emotional growth preparing them for life, college, and careers. *Students utilizing Leadership Notebooks will be at 90% or higher by May 2027.*
Strategic Goal 2: Staff Effectiveness	All employees will excel daily in the performance of their roles to ensure our district thrives. *By May 2027, all employees at Matilda Hartley Elementary School will participate in the school's 2026–2027 professional learning plan, with participation tracked through the school's professional learning tracker. Success will be measured by 90% of employees reporting increased relevance and professional growth on Section 2 of the Upbeat Engagement Survey.*
Strategic Goal 3: Stakeholder Engagement	We will build collective ownership and active engagement among all stakeholders to maximize students' overall learning experiences. *Stakeholder or parent/guardian participation in student-led conferences will be at 90% or higher at each of the three scheduled student-led conference dates during the 2026–2027 academic year: September/October 2026; January/February 2027; and March/April 2027.*

School Goals

Academic: Hartley will increase the percentage of K–2 students performing at the proficient level or above in ELA and Math on STAR by 10 percentage points by May 2027.

Hartley will increase the percentage of 3rd–5th grade students—and each subgroup (for example, ALL, ED, SWD, EL, Gifted, etc.)—performing at the proficient level or above by 10 percentage points in ELA, Math, and Science on the Spring 2027 Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS).

School-Parent Compact

As a part of this plan, Matilda Hartley and our families will develop a School-Parent Compact, which is an agreement among parents, teachers, and students that explains how we will work together to make sure all students reach grade-level standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forums. The School-Parent Compact will be available on the school website and in the front office for review.

Parents, Teachers, and Students Share Responsibility for Success

What is this plan? This plan explains how Matilda Hartley Elementary School will provide numerous opportunities for engagement of parents and family members. At Hartley, we value parent and family member input. By working together, the common goal of student success will be accomplished. Parents and family members are encouraged to assist with the planning of activities that promote student success.

How is it developed? Hartley invites all parents and family members to attend our annual Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forums in the spring to review and revise our Parent and Family Engagement Plan, Schoolwide Improvement Plan, School-Parent Compact, and family engagement budget. Feedback received will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey to ask families for suggestions on the Plan and the use of funds for family engagement.

Who is the plan for? Our plan is available for all students participating in the Title I program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in a decision-making role, as appropriate, in the opportunities offered in this plan. Hartley Elementary School will provide an equal opportunity for the participation of families with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migrant children.

Where will the plan be available? The plan will be posted on the school website, in the front office, in the media center, and in the parent resource room. The plan will also be available for distribution at school events and workshops throughout the year upon request.

Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2026-2027

Matilda Hartley will take the following measures to promote and support families as an important foundation of the school. We will:

- ✓ Ensure that all information associated with school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is timely and circulated in both English and Spanish, as needed.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a systematic basis about school meetings and events through the school television informational guide, school website, flyers, phone calls, school app, signage, and mail, as appropriate.
- ✓ Conduct ongoing staff development, with input from parents, on effective family engagement practices and strategies for staff to work with families as equal partners through trainings during staff meetings, handouts, and tip sheets.
- ✓ Partner with other programs, including public preschools, to encourage and support the full participation of parents as they prepare their children to successfully transition from Pre-K to kindergarten and from fifth grade to middle school.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials on understanding academic standards and assessments, as well as ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.

✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for family engagement activities through workshop evaluations and district surveys.

✓ Submit parent feedback about any part of the schoolwide plan that is not satisfactory to student and school goals for academic achievement to the local Title I office.

Family Engagement Opportunities

The following events will be offered to strengthen family engagement. Events are held at various times, and families are notified in advance.

Date	Event	Description
July 2026	**Open House**	Parents and families can visit classrooms, meet teachers, and learn about available programs and activities in the school and community.
September 2026	**Title I Annual Meeting**	Hartley will share the school's Continuous Improvement Plan, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact, the Title I program, and ways parents can be involved to help their child be successful.
September 2026	**Back-to-School Night / Expectations for the Year**	Learn what your child needs to know at their grade level, classroom expectations, curriculum, state and local assessments, and digital (technology) resources. Families can also sign up for and learn how to navigate Parent Portal, the gateway to monitoring their child's progress.
October 2026	**Student-Led Conferences / Literacy Night**	Discover your child's Lexile score. Learn how to choose the right book for your child and gather resources to support family reading for fun at home. Learn about literacy games and activities appropriate for elementary students.
November 2026	**National Parental Involvement Day – November 19**	Parents and family members join children at school for a special academic activity designed by classroom teachers to celebrate the contributions of families to student success.
November 2026	**Veterans Day Performance**	A themed evening geared toward literacy and reading. Teachers or grade levels will prepare stations for students to rotate through.
November 2026	**Title I Parent Survey**	A shared decision-making opportunity for parents to provide feedback on Title I family engagement plans, activities, and family engagement funds.
January 2027	**Math & Science Night**	Students and families will participate in Math- and Science-related activities and games.

January 2027	**Building Parent Capacity / Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**	Celebrating the 100th day of school with various activities. Students will participate in a silent march or assembly in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
February/March 2027	**Title I Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Forums**	Parents and family members can provide feedback to the principal and staff regarding the Schoolwide Improvement Plan, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact, and family engagement funds. Families can also provide feedback on ways to build stronger family-school partnerships.
February 2027	**Black History Performance**	Students will participate in a Black History performance learning about the past, present, and future.
February/March 2027	**Read Across America Week**	A week of events geared toward literacy and fun as we promote reading during Read Across America Week.
March/April 2027	**Vocabulary Parade / GA Milestones Parent Meeting**	Students showcase vocabulary words and parade through the hallways. Families will also receive important information about the Georgia Milestones Assessment.
May 2027	**Pre-K Transition to Kindergarten Smooth Move**	A parent meeting designed to prepare Pre-K parents and students for the next grade level. Resources, along with reading and math materials, are provided for enrichment.

Additional Family & Community Engagement

- PTO
- Career Day
- Curriculum Nights
- Community Partnerships
- School Volunteers
- Read Across America

Community and parent volunteers are welcomed and appreciated. Please contact Rise' Jenkins, Title I School Representative, at (478) 779-2500.