Title I

Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2026 – 2027

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In support of strengthening student academic achievement, **Bear Creek Middle School** 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 several specific parent and family engagement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

The **Bear Creek Middle School** 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 program 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 request and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If the schoolwide program 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

WHAT IS TITLE I?

Bear Creek Middle School participates in Title I, Part A, Section 1116 of the ***"Every Child Succeeds Act"*** (ESSA), which supports state and local school efforts to challenge academic standards by reinforcing and enhancing methods to improve teaching and learning for all students. The Bear Creek Middle School (BCMS) Title I School-wide Program requires effective means of improving student achievement by including strategies to support family engagement.

JOINTLY DEVELOPED

Bear Creek Middle 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.

All parents were invited to our Annual Input Meeting held in the spring each school year to review and revise this plan as well as the School Wide Plan, our School Family Compact and the Parent Engagement Budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. All parent feedback received during the year is used to revise the plan for the next school year.

ANNUAL TITLE I PARENT MEETING

Bear Creek Middle School 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 Engagement Plan, the Schoolwide Plan, and the School-Family Compact.

- BCMS will hold its Annual Title I Parent Meeting in the Fall each school year prior to November 1st. All parents will be invited to attend the Annual Title 1 Parent Meeting via Infinite Campus, school marquee and invitation displayed in the front office and it also available on the school's website.

COMMUNICATIONS

Bear Creek Middle School will take the following actions to provide parents of participating children the following:

- Information related to the school and parent programs, meetings and other activities are sent to the parents of participating children via hand-to-hand distribution from teacher to student to send home, Infinite Campus, School website and a display within the Parent Resource Room and Counseling Suite. All information related to school and parent programs as well as other activities will be provided to parents in a format, to the extent practicable and in a language that parents can understand.
- The residential facilities for students in the Bear Creek Middle School attendance area are included in the family engagement correspondence and activities.
- Provide flexible number of meetings, such as morning and evening meetings, offer transportation as the budget permits to families with funds provided under this part, childcare, or home visits, as such services relate to parent and family involvement.

- Each school served under this part shall provide parents of participating children timely information about programs under this part.
- The parent and family engagement plan will be distributed to parents when they enroll their students. Bear Creek will have copies of the plan in the main office, counseling center, parent resource room, and conference rooms. Bear Creek will also post the plan on the school's website for parents to view.
- Teachers will distribute the parent and family engagement plan to all students whose parents do not receive them through Infinite Campus. .
- Information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities will be communicated in a format, to the extent practicable, and in a language that parents can understand. Methods of communication will include Infinite Campus, callout, flyers, and website announcement.

SCHOOL-FAMILY COMPACT

Bear Creek Middle School will take the following actions to jointly develop with parents of participating children a School-Family Compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved academic achievement and how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.

- A parent input meeting will be conducted in the spring to allow parents, teachers and other stakeholders to provide feedback, comments and suggestions regarding the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School Wide Plan, School Compact as well as the Parent Engagement budget. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year.

RESERVATION OF FUNDS

Bear Creek Middle School 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:

- Discussing and providing detailed explanation as to how Title 1 monies will be spent
- Discussing and providing detailed explanation as to how the 1% Title I allocation for Parent Engagement will be spent.
- Providing opportunities for feedback and meetings for disclosure of Title I funds for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Reservation of funds will be shared in the Annual Title I Parent meeting and the Parent Input meeting.

COORDINATION OF SERVICES

Bear Creek Middle School will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate Parent Engagement programs and activities such as parent resource centers that encourage and support parents in participating in the education of their children by:

- Coordinating and integrating services and programs for incoming 6th graders and outgoing 8th graders in transition meetings, and provide college and career readiness

programs/workshops, school tours and parent meetings at the parents' request throughout the school year, including how to navigate available resources (homelessness, economic aid, etc.)

- Parent support groups through onsite mental health partners.

BUILDING CAPACITY OF PARENTS

Bear Creek Middle School 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 proficiency levels students are expected to meet.

- Materials and training to help parents to work with their child to improve their child's achievement, such as math and literacy training as well as using technology, including education about the harms of copyright piracy, as appropriate, to foster parent and family engagement.
- Aiding 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.
  - How to access resources

Bear Creek Middle School will facilitate the initiatives via a series of academic parent workshops, online resources and provide educational materials in the Parent Resource Center. Encourage parental participation in school meetings, trainings, and parent workshops that focus on state and local assessments.

Calendar of Events for Parents and Families			
July/August	Zion's House Ribbon Cutting / Annual Title I Parent Meeting	February	Title I STEM Night
September	Zion's Closet SEL Parent Night	March	Title I Parent Input Meeting
October	EL Family Connections: One Bear Creek/Humanities Curriculum Night	April	GMAS/ Rising 6th GradeTransition Meeting
November	Technology Use and AI	May	Title I Closeout/Parent & Partner Celebration

Monthly: The PTSA: Works to promote parent involvement, facilitate communication between home and school, and organize various activities and initiatives to enhance the educational experience.

School Governance Council: A representative body consisting of parents, teachers, administrators, and community members that collaboratively work to make decisions and provide input on matters related to school policies, budget, and overall improvement.

PBIS: Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support (PBIS), which is a proactive approach to promoting positive behavior and creating a supportive school environment. These meetings typically involve educators, administrators, and sometimes parents or community members, and are focused on planning, implementing, and evaluating PBIS strategies and interventions to enhance student behavior and overall school climate.

BUILDING CAPACITY OF SCHOOL STAFF

Bear Creek Middle will provide training to educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principal, and other staff in how to reach out to, communicate, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and the school by:

- Educating staff on how to communicate and work with parents as equal partners, about Title I and other information, the value and utility and the contribution of parents will be held in the Fall and Spring each school year.
- Provide on-going strategies for teachers to engage parents in the overall academic program of their children throughout the school year.

OUR DISTRICT GOALS for STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Ensure that all Fulton County Schools' students graduate prepared to pursue their chosen paths -- whether college, career or military -- and to succeed on those paths after high school by focusing on four top priorities over the next five years.

• **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 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 2025 visit,
http://www.fultonschools.org/domain/282

School Goals

By May 2027, Bear Creek Middle School will increase the percentage of students scoring proficient or distinguished by 5% on the Math and English Language Arts sections of the Georgia Milestones Assessment System.

Focus Areas

Math Focus:

Develop numeracy fluency and high functioning PLCs and math foundational skills in 6th, 7th and 8th grade algebra.

English Language Arts (ELA) Focus

Develop specific organizational strategies and text analysis strategies, in 6th, 7th & 8th grade ELA.

Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan 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 the Parent Resource Room #140.

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Name (Optional):_____

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Contact Number (Optional): _____

Email Address: _____

Please feel free to call (470-254-6080) or
Parent Resource Center (470-254-8296)