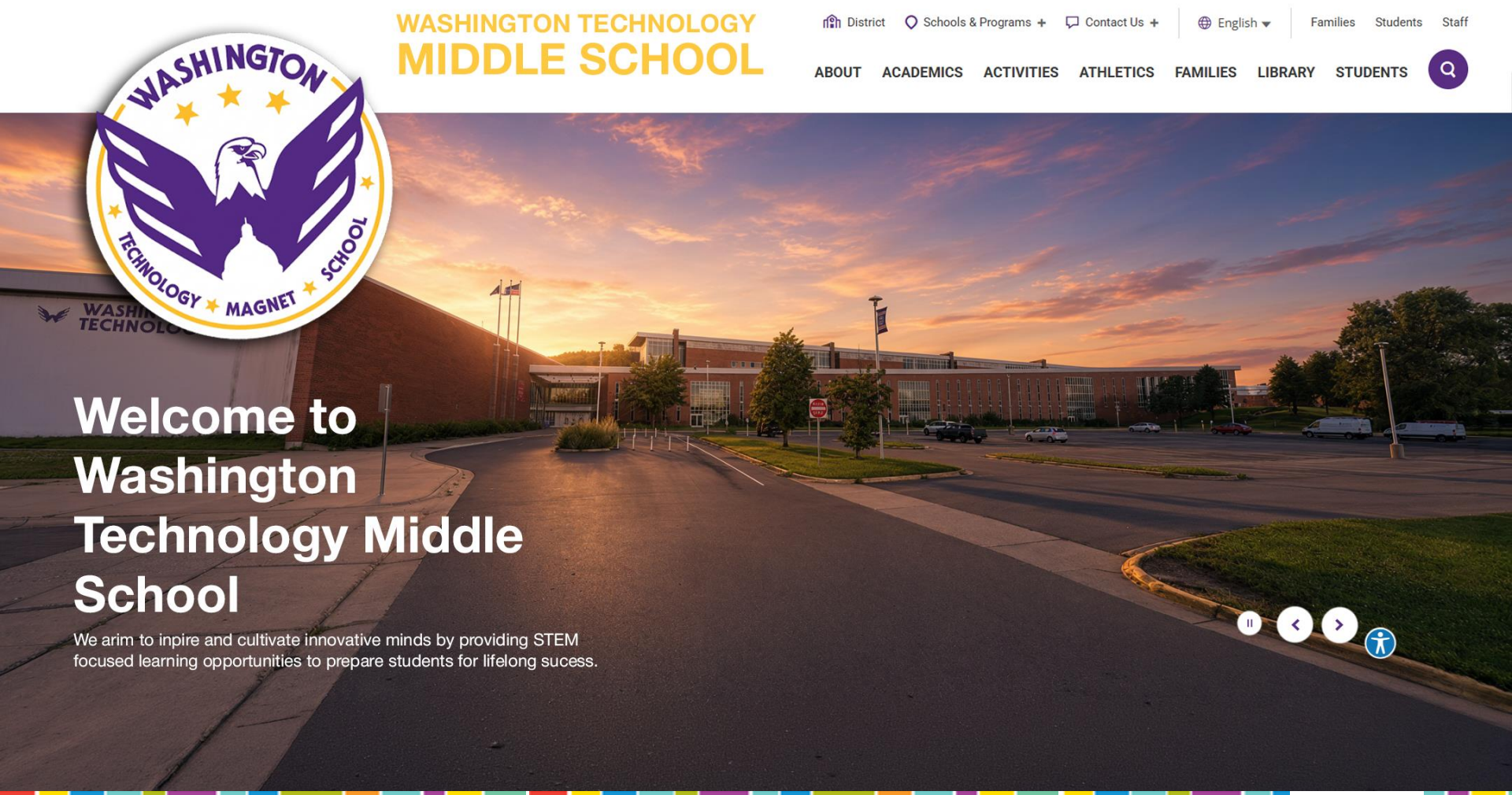
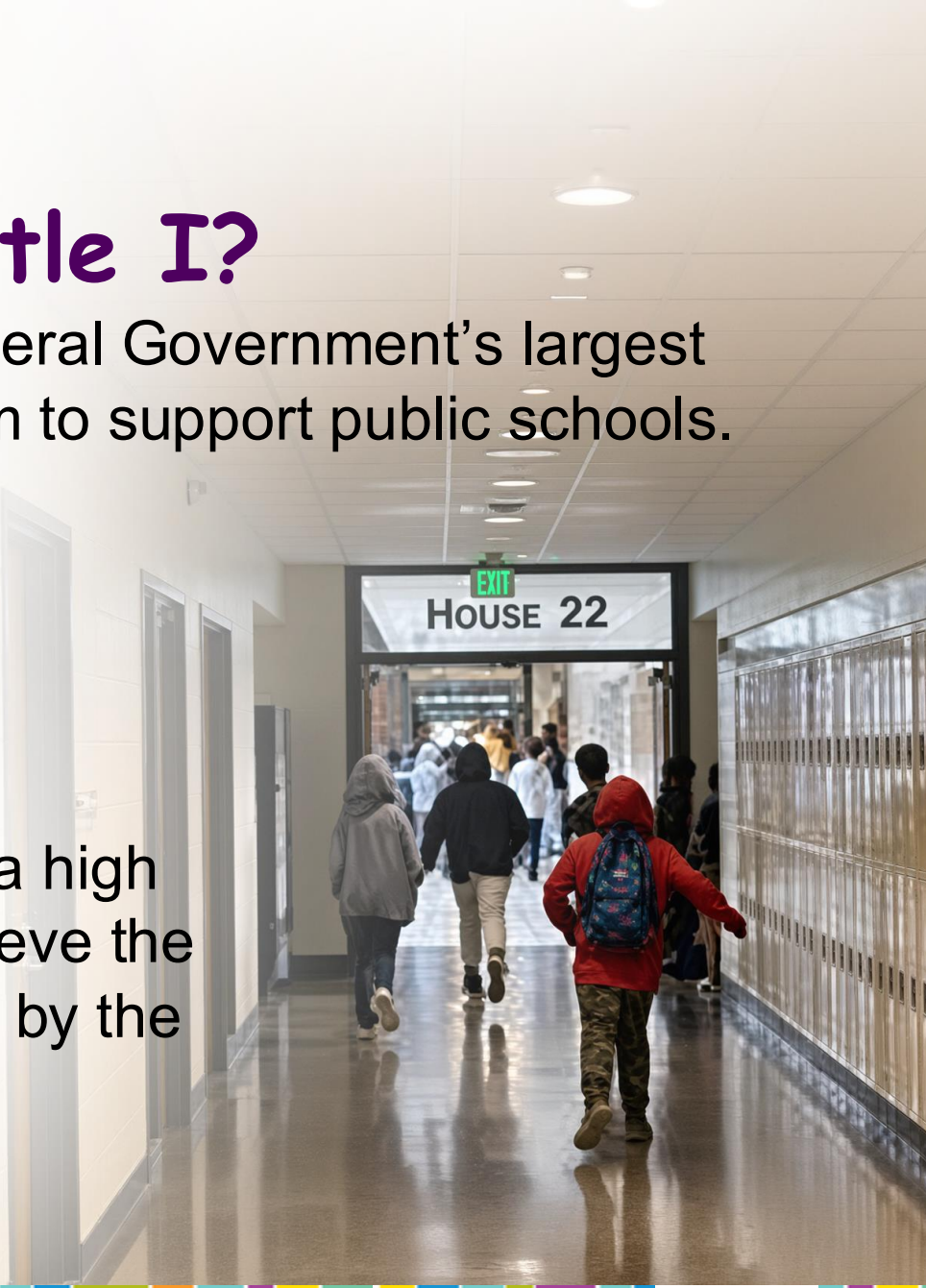
Washington Technology Middle School

TITLE I ANNUAL MEETING



What is Title I?

United States Federal Government's largest education program to support public schools.



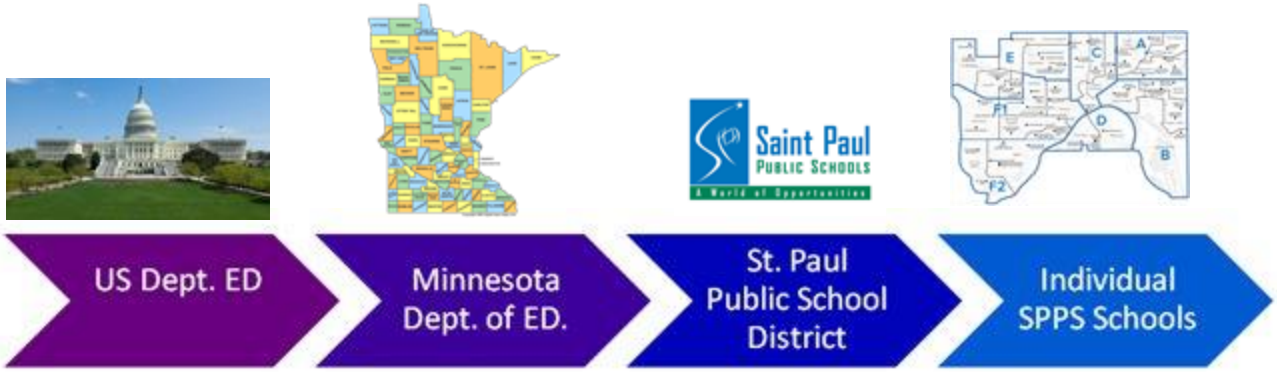
The Purpose:

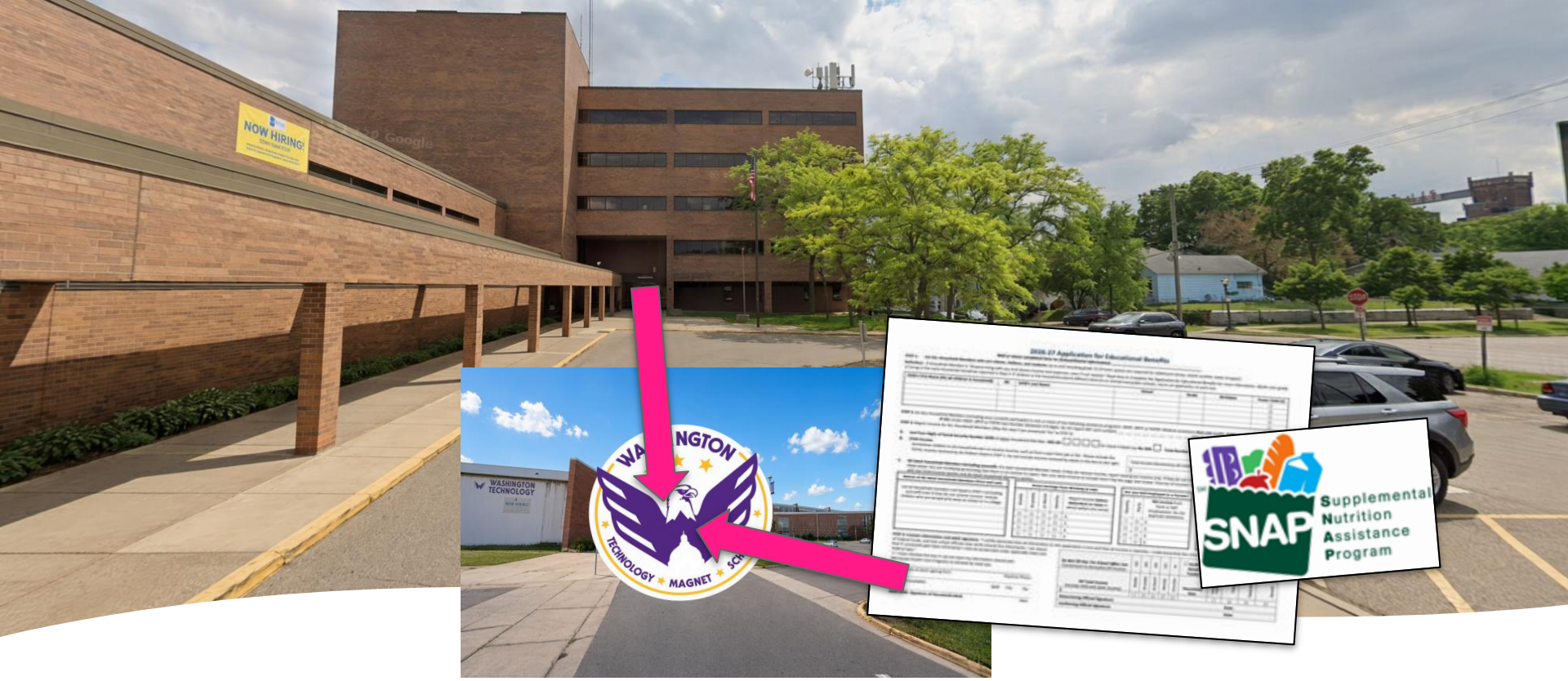
To help **every child** receive a high quality education and to achieve the high academic standards set by the State of Minnesota.

How is Title I funded?

How does Title I money get to our school?

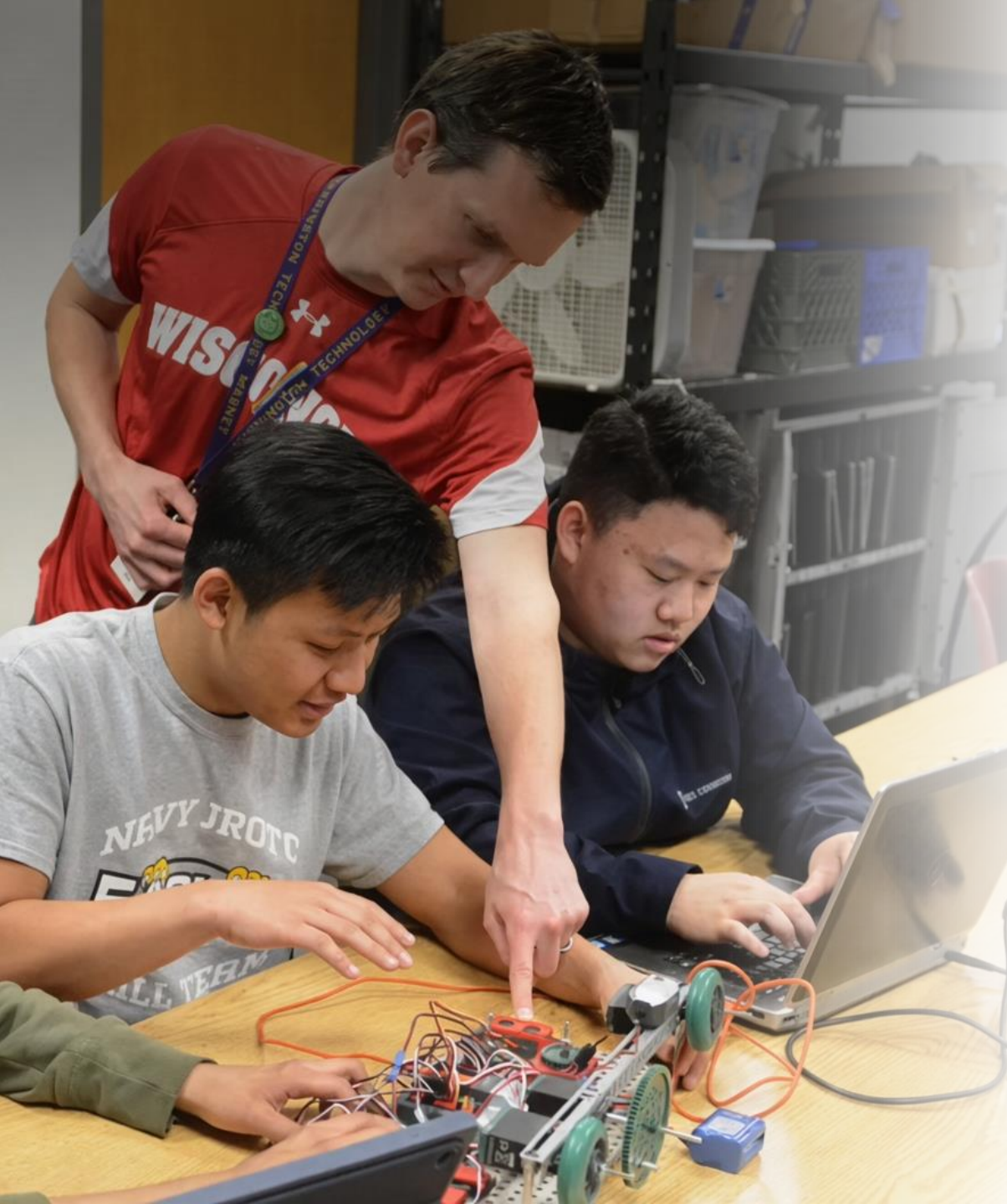
- Title I funds flow from the U.S. Department of Education to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE). Then to the school district based on poverty data.
- The district allocates Title I funds to schools based on the percentage of students receiving free or reduced lunch.





Eligible Schools in 2026-27

- 56 elementary, secondary and alternative schools in Saint Paul receive Title I funds. Schools with 40% or more of the students eligible to receive free or reduced priced lunch receive Title I funding. This percentage can change each year.
- This money is based on the Application for Educational Benefits (the form we ask you to fill out each year) and qualification for SNAP benefits.
- These extra dollars help us provide a high quality education for all students, regardless of family income.



How does Title I support *students* at our school?

Title I in the schools…

Each school decides how Title I funds will be used in their school to improve education for all children.

- School data is reviewed to identify the areas where students need the most support and improvement.
- The school staff, with the input of parents, develops a school improvement plan with specific strategies to improve student achievement across the school.
- Teachers, administrators and parents work together to prioritize how Title I funds will be used to support the school's strategies to improve education for all students.

How does Title I support *families* at our school?



Our school uses federal Title I funds to build strong partnerships with our families and support student success. Because we receive Title I funding, we are able to invest directly in resources that make it easier for families to stay connected, informed, and involved in their child's education.

We remove barriers so all parents can participate!

- Provide translations and interpreters during school meetings and educational activities (such as Hmong, Karen, Spanish, or Somali).
- Provide child care for building events.
- Hire a Parent/Family Liaison and Cultural Specialist to help facilitate parent engagement activities and support parents.
- Host activities to assist parents in helping their children learn.

Parents have the right...

What are the rights of families in Title I schools?

- To receive progress reports for your child and the school.
  - Assessment results
  - Progress reports
  - Reports as requested
- Request information about the qualifications of your child's teacher.
- Help decide if the school is meeting your child's needs and offer suggestions for improvement.
- Be notified if your child is being taught for **more than four consecutive** weeks by a teacher not licensed in the area of instruction.



How does our school share student learning and progress with you?

We utilize a multi-layered digital and community-focused framework to keep families closely connected to student learning and progress.

Parents can easily track daily assignments, deadlines, and real-time grades through **Schoology**, monitor attendance and official report cards via the **Infinite Campus Parent Portal**, and view authentic student portfolios on **Seesaw**. Beyond these digital tools, we maintain strong partnerships through **two-way messaging** with teachers, regular **classroom and school newsletters**, interactive **parent-teacher conferences**, and formal **report cards** sent home each term.





Ways you can support your child's learning...

Working together in partnership, what can our school do to support you as you support your child's learning?

- Get to know your child's teacher(s).
- Contact the school when you have questions or concerns.
- Learn what is expected of your child at each grade level and help your child follow through with school expectations.

Involving Parents in Title I schools…

Working together in partnership!

How can you help make our school even better?



Schools are required to plan how they will involve parents in the education of their children.

Each year, our school works with parents to update our Family Engagement Plan. This plan helps us outline school activities, share how we communicate with families, and support you in your child's education. This year, we are focusing heavily on Home Visits and Washington Middle School Family Conferences.

You can view our School Comprehensive Improvement Plan (SCIP), Family Engagement Plan (FEP), and Family-School Compact online at https://washingtonms.spps.org/about/title-i-family-engagement.

The Family Engagement Plan is revised each Spring.

For More Information About Title I

Call the Title I Office
651-632-3790

Talk to the principal at your child's school.

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