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The Delta Academy Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy

1. Introduction

Title I is a federal program that provides funding to local school districts and charter schools to improve the academic achievement of student coming from low-income families, are in foster homes, or who live with families receiving temporary assistance from state governments. For Delta Academy, Title I funds have been used to purchase classroom sets of laptop computers, tablets and classroom projectors. These funds also have been used to pay for after-school tutoring.

2. Parent Survey

In April of 2018, Delta Academy sent out a school-wide parent survey. The survey consisted of 45 questions measuring parent satisfaction in five areas (1. School Environment/Climate; 2. Academic Rigor; 3. Sense of School Community; 4. Communication; and 5. Overall Satisfaction). The results of the survey indicate the following areas of strength: The school is a safe environment; The school's communications with parents are respectful; There is pride that their students attend the school; Staff at the school have a positive effect on their child's academic performance; Teachers are held accountable for high levels of teaching/learning; Students are treated with respect, and the staff has a positive impact on their child's character and; Parents feel welcome at the school, and the staff is approachable. The results of the survey indicate the following areas in need of improvement: There needs to be a higher level of rigorous/quality homework and; The school administration should work individually with teachers to improve teaching. Based on these results, Delta administration continues to be directly involvement with the teaching and learning process within every classroom. Also, during the weekly staff development meetings, teachers discuss the rigor and importance of homework. These results were shared with the parents during the August 22, 2018 and September 5, 2018 parent meetings and used as a starting point for discussions around this Parent and Family Engagement Policy. To increase parent participation with the climate survey, Delta will increase the survey window from two weeks to two months. In addition to email reminders and ParentLink announcements, a letter will be sent home along with the 3rd quarter report card with a link to and description of the survey.

3. Parent Engagement Process

This policy has been jointly developed and agreed upon by the Delta Academy and parents served in the school pursuant to Title I. Delta convened a parent meeting on August 22, 2018 to discuss the Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Delta held another meeting to review various programs offered, including the annual Title 1, on September 5th, 2018. Children are welcome at all meetings. The school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy, developed by the school's Title I committee, is distributed in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practicable,

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in a language parents can understand. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy and the Title I Annual PowerPoint Presentation also are made available to the community via the Delta Academy website.

The Delta Academy involves parents in an organized, ongoing and timely way in the planning, review and improvement of the Title I programs, School Performance Plan and Parent and Family Engagement Policy. There are four major parent meetings per year (August 22nd, September 5th, January 16th and March 20th). During these meetings Delta staff reviews student test data, graduation plans, after-school programs and Title 1 programs and policies.

4. Education Involvement Accords

Delta Academy's Education Involvement Accords are integrated into the registration process through Infinite Campus. Parents must review the accords prior to completing their child's registration. Administrators and teachers will have access to the accords whenever needed for parent/student conferences or other occasions.

5. Academic Achievement of Students

A. Administration and staff will:

- Provide assistance to parents, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the state's academic standards, state and local assessments, the requirements of Title I, how to monitor their student's academic progress and how to work with school staff to improve the achievement of the student. Delta's staff conducts four parent meetings throughout the year. During these meetings, we discuss test data, requirements to matriculate from grade-to-grade, high school graduation requirements, current grades and course expectations.
- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment enabling students to meet the state academic standards.
- Offer parent involvement activities in the school that will include opportunities for parents to volunteer and be involved in school activities. Delta offers parenting classes to the parents of Delta students. We also email parents surveys regarding proposed programs and ways to participate in after-school activities.

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- During the four parent meetings, Delta staff reviews course requirements and will loan textbooks to parents who need additional assistance with helping their children in certain subject areas. Also, during the January parent meeting, a representative from the Clark County Library System presents on the resources available to increase student and parent literacy skills.

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- C. Through the four professional development days, school administration, various community members and parents, educate teachers, pupil service personnel and other staff in:
- The value and utility of contributions of parents
 - How to reach out to, communicate with and work with parents as equal partners (school open house/parent nights and frequent parent/teacher conferences)
 - Implementing and coordinating parent programs (Nevada Partners offers parent programs at Delta)
 - Building ties between parents and the school (Delta staff delivered over 100 Thanksgiving dinners and will be handing out over 100 Christmas dinners the parents of Delta students).
- D. Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings and other activities is sent to parents in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. Typically, Delta sends emails to all parents regarding programs and meetings. This spring, Delta will add mass text messages to parents regarding programs and meetings.
- E. The administration will, to the extent feasible, coordinate and integrate parent involvement with other school programs. Currently, Delta is seeking grant funds to pay for a Parent Involvement Center. This center will be available to parents every school day to assist and support them.
- F. School staff will provide reasonable support for parent involvement activities as parents may request (i.e., child care during meetings, parent comment or suggestion sheets, etc.). Currently, Delta offers child care accommodations for parent meetings and emails frequent surveys to parents to obtain their ideas, concerns and suggestions.

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