

## **Title I: Family Engagement in Lincoln Elementary School**

Lincoln teachers and staff are committed to providing a quality educational program that will challenge all children to reach their potential. When school and parents work together, children succeed in school and throughout life. Neither home nor school can do the job alone. Parents play an extremely important role as a child's first teachers. Their support for their child and for the school is critical to their child's success at every step along the way. To ensure that basic skills and knowledge are taught, we will hold educators accountable for effective teaching, hold students accountable for learning, and encourage parental involvement in their child's education. We will continually assess student growth in order to provide timely interventions and evaluate our instruction. Additionally, Lincoln teachers and staff will work collaboratively with parents and our community in the development, evaluation and refinement of our Title I program.

### **Welcoming all Families into the School Community**

- Lincoln Elementary School invites parents and families to be involved in their student's education by visiting the school building, attending school meetings, volunteering in the classroom for/during school activities, and/or assisting their student with assigned work.
- Lincoln Elementary School will provide events to enrich the partnership between home and school including Family Nights, Open Houses, Grandparents Day, and Preschool Family Events.

### **Communicating Effectively**

- All school and district policies are available to families upon request, including on the district website.
- Lincoln Elementary School staff welcomes frequent communication between home and school.

### **Supporting Student Success**

- Lincoln Elementary School will build the school's and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, through family nights, and other resources.
- The school will, with the assistance of the district, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school in understanding how to monitor their child's progress and how to work with educators.
- Schools will provide parents/guardians with opportunities to participate in setting student goals, monitoring progress and making instructional decisions.

### **Speaking Up for Every Child**

- Support for students will be demonstrated by regular parent/teacher conferences, literacy activities and family nights throughout the year and individual assistance to students provided through differentiated support systems in literacy.

### **Sharing Responsibility**

- Lincoln Elementary School will hold an annual meeting at Back To School nights to inform parents that the school participates in Title I, the requirements of Title I, and of their parental rights.
- Parents will be notified about meetings through school newsletters and the web page.
- Parents will provide permission for his/her child to participate in the Title I services upon enrollment. If a parent does not do so, the school will contact the parent to explain the services should the school deem services to be necessary.
- The school will, with the assistance of the district, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school in understanding the state's academic content and achievement standards, the state and local academic assessments, the requirements of Title I and how to monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- As appropriate, the school will, with the assistance of the district, provide materials to help parents work with their child to improve their child's academic achievement and to foster parental involvement.
- Within reason, the school will ensure all information regarding the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities will be communicated. Alternative language is available upon request.

**Collaborating with Community** · Lincoln Elementary School will work cooperatively with community agencies to provide services to students and families.

*Note: Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education act provides financial assistance to state and local educational agencies to meet the needs of educationally deprived, at-risk children. The goal of Title I is to provide instructional services and activities to meet the needs of disadvantaged children identified as failing or most at-risk of failing the state's challenging performance standards.*