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School Wide Title I Parent Involvement Policy

Kelly Miller Elementary School Parent Involvement Policy is jointly developed and agreed by a committee of parents, teachers, administrators and other stakeholders. The Title I policy will be evaluated and updated annually by the committee to accommodate any needs as changes occur. The policy will be presented and distributed to all parents at the beginning of each academic year and will be written in a language that reflects our diverse population.

Annual Meeting

Kelly Miller Elementary School will convene an annual meeting at the opening of the school year to inform parents of the school’s participation in the Title I program, to explain the program and its requirements, inform parents of their right to be involved, encourage their attendance, discuss the compact and provide an opportunity for parents to volunteer to serve on and participate in various School Wide Title I meetings and activities. Call-Em All, invitations, and reminders notifying parents of this meeting will be sent home 7-14 days prior to the meeting.

Meeting Options

Efforts will be made to eliminate barriers that might affect parent involvement. The school will offer a flexible number of meetings in the morning and evening to eliminate barriers.

Home – School Partnership

Parents will be involved in an organized, ongoing, and timely way in the plan for the school’s activities. This includes developing, reviewing, evaluating, and improving the Title I program, including Parent Involvement Policy and the School-Parent Compact. Parents will be invited to all School Wide Title I committee meetings and activities to ensure increased opportunities for parent involvement. Our partnership will allow us to work jointly on an ongoing basis to improve parental involvement.

Providing Parent Information

The school will communicate with parents of all students with timely information through conferences, meetings, newsletters, internet, Call-Em All notification, marquee, and Parent Resource Center concerning:

- **Title I programs in the school**
- **Results of the annual school review of school report card**
- **A description and explanation of the school curriculum**
- **The assessments used to measure student progress**
- **An explanation of the ACT Aspire and Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) proficiency levels that students are expected to meet**
- **Opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions, share experiences, with other parents, and participate as appropriate in decisions relating to the education of their children**
- **Provide timely responses to parent suggestions within 7-14 days**
- **Collect all unsatisfactory parent comments regarding the school wide plan and attach those comments to the school wide plan when submitted to district administration**

The School Title I committee assures that if the Parent Involvement Policy is unsatisfactory to the parents, parent comments on the policy will be made available to district administration.

Provide Assurance

Kelly Miller Elementary School will provide all parents with information to facilitate an understanding of local, state and national communication channels. Channels will include:

- **National Education Goals**
- **State academic content and student performance standards**
- **School improvement process, if applicable**
- **Components of a school-wide program**
- **State and local assessments**
- **Requirements of School-Wide Title I Parent Involvement**
- **Monitoring Your Child's Program**
- **No Child Left Behind (NCLB)**
- **Other resources and programs available to eligible children**

Materials and Training Opportunities

The school will provide appropriate and feasible materials and training determined by parent input and surveys. Examples are as follows:

- Coordinating necessary literacy and math training from various sources to help parents work with their children to improve their children's achievement
- Providing parent with information and materials needed for enrolling in adult high school programs, High School Equivalency Diploma Test (GED), and other literacy training programs, which are available through our school system and local businesses
- Technology training to assist parents in improved communication and in working with their children

Home/School Connection

Opportunities will be made to educate staff members in understanding the value of working as partners with parents. In-service training, conferences, workshops, etc. will provide assistance to staff in techniques for reaching out and communicating effectively with parents as equal partners. Parent led programs such as Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), parent volunteers, and family nights will be planned to build ties between home and school.

Coordination of Parent Involvement

A plan will be developed to coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs, activities, and strategies with other programs. Other programs may include, but are not limited:

- **Science Fair**
- **Math Fair & Math Night at BILO**
- **Nine Weeks Exam Prep Night**
- **Meet & Greet**
- **PASS Night**
- **Awards Day Program**
- **Doughnuts for Dads**
- **Muffins for Moms**
- **Grandparents Day**
- **Reading Counts Incentive Program**
- **Parent Student Teacher Partnership Conferences**
- **School Improvement Council (SIC)**
- **Home Instruction Programs for Preschool**
- **Title I Parent Resource Center**
- **Coffee, Coke & Conversation with Principal**

Community/Business Partnerships

Realizing the value of outside resources, Kelly Miller Elementary School will develop appropriate community-based partnerships for parent involvement and activities with businesses, service organizations, and the community. This may include providing information about opportunities for community organizations and businesses to work with parents to form partnerships. Opportunities will include: **SCANA, Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH), Career Day, Can Food Drive, Adopt-A-Family, Shiloh First Independent, Behavioral Health, and BILO in Winnsboro.**

Parent Resources

As appropriate and feasible, the school may provide the following opportunities to help parents become full partners in the education of their children through training and resources:

- Literacy training/resources
- Child development
- Positive Behavior
- Homework Strategies
- Local Parent Involvement Activities
- Training to enhance parenting skills
- Adopting and implementing of a model designed to improve parental involvement
- Providing other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents request
- Make the most of Parent Resource Center during the 2015-2016 school year and build upon thereafter. Parents will be informed of and encouraged to use this resource throughout the school year to meet the educational needs of their children.

Parent Involvement with Assessment

Parents will participate in an ongoing and end of year assessment to evaluate the effectiveness of the parent involvement initiative. These evaluations will be essential to Kelly Miller Elementary School's continuous improvement of parent involvement and participation.

Suggestions:
