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Information for Families of All Students Attending PCSD Title I Schools

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Paulding County School District Title I staff extends a warm welcome to the new school year to all families and guardians of students in the district's Title I schools! We are excited about the school year, and look forward to partnering with you in supporting your child's academic success.

Last spring, we began revising and developing 2017-2018 Title I school, and district, parent and family engagement plans. The plans are developed each year, jointly with parents. Opportunities for families to provide input and feedback on the plans were offered through the annual Title I parent survey, feedback at various meetings and activities that took place in the spring and throughout the school year, and on-line opportunities on school and district websites. Your child will be bringing home our school's plan, and copies of the district plan will be available for you in our Parent Resource Center and on the school and district websites. The plans will also be shared

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at our Annual Title I Parent Involvement Meeting. Please look for your meeting announcement and invitation, coming home soon!

Currently, there are 11 Title I schools in Paulding County School District

Allgood Elementary

Baggett Elementary

Dallas Elementary

Hiram Elementary

Hutchens Elementary

Poole Elementary

New Georgia Elementary

Panter Elementary

Roberts Elementary

Northside Elementary

Ragsdale Elementary

What is Title I?

Title I is the largest federally funded program for schools. Through Title I, the Federal government provides money to school districts based on the number of academically at-risk students in each district. Title I money provides for extra educational services for children most in need of additional academic support, and helps to ensure that all children have a fair a significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education.

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Title I is based on three important ideas:

- ✓ All students should work toward the same high standards
- ✓ Local districts, schools, and parents know best what their students need to succeed
- ✓ Parents are partners in helping all students achieve

What is a Parent's Role in Supporting Student Success?

Engaged parents and school staffs are vital to student success. It is the responsibility of the school to provide opportunities for school-family partnership. We rely on the partnership between school and home to ensure that our students succeed.

As the family of a child in a Title I school, you have the right to:

- ✓ Be involved in the planning and implementation of the parent engagement program in your school
- ✓ Access the progress report on your child and school
- ✓ Request information about the professional qualifications of your child's teacher(s) including the degrees and certifications held, and whether the teacher is certified in their respective area of instruction

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- ✓ Participate in developing, with school staff, your school's improvement plan, parent engagement budget, school and district parent and family engagement plans, and family school-compacts

What is the School District's Role in Supporting Student Success?

Paulding County School District is responsible for the following actions:

- ✓ Planning and implementing educational programs, activities, and procedures as required under Title I that involve parents
- ✓ Reserve 1% of Title I funds for parental involvement activities if the LEA receives more than \$500,000
- ✓ Develop a district parent and family engagement plan with the participation of parents
- ✓ Provide full opportunities for participation of parents with limited English proficiency, disabilities and parents of migratory children, and when appropriate, communicate in a language and format that they can understand
- ✓ Conduct annual parent surveys and implement changes based upon the results of those surveys

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- ✓ Build capacity by providing early literacy and technology trainings that will help parents work with their children to improve academic achievement

What is the School's role in Supporting Student Success?

All Title I schools in Paulding County are classified as Schoolwide Title I schools. This means that school staff work to improve the school's educational program to increase the achievement of each student, particularly those who could benefit from extra supports or services to achieve academic success. Title I schools are responsible for the following actions:

- ✓ Send notifications to all families about the school's parent and family engagement plan in an understandable language and format
- ✓ Hold an annual meeting, at a convenient time for parents, to discuss components of school's Title I program including the parent and family engagement plan, how funding is spent, the rights of parents to be involved
- ✓ Develop jointly, with parents, a school-parent compact that outlines how the school, families, and students can all work together to ensure student academic

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- ✓ Offer opportunities for families to receive information and resources in support of a strong home-school partnership
- ✓ Involve parents in the planning and review of school improvement plans
- ✓ Build capacity by supporting the development of parent advisory councils or leadership teams
- ✓ Provide information to parents about what students need to know and be able to do at each grade level and the curriculum used, and how parents can monitor their child's progress

Each school's parent and family engagement plan outlines how these actions will be implemented.

Please watch for more information and opportunities coming your way throughout the school year!

For more details on what it means to be a Title I school, please contact

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