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Family Engagement

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I. PURPOSE

The Board of Directors recognizes the positive impact that family engagement has on student achievement. Students have more success in school when school staff and parents and families act as a team in supporting the student. The purpose of this policy is to establish the District's standards for family engagement. This policy is also meant to satisfy the requirements of law for a family involvement policy.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The Board of Directors encourages the engagement of families in their student's education and supports district and school based staff in their efforts to increase the level and quality of family engagement.
- B. The Board of Directors endorses the Minneapolis Public Schools Family Engagement Standards which were developed to:
 1. Create a common vision of what needs to be in place for there to be quality family engagement across the district.
 2. Set expectations for everyone in the district concerning the level of family engagement necessary for student success.
 3. Increase and improve the engagement of family members in their children's education.
 4. Specify what needs to happen at the district, school, classroom, and home levels.
- C. The District and individual schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of families with limited English proficiency or with disabilities, including providing information and school profiles in languages and forms that are understandable by parents and guardians.
- D. In addition to general support of family engagement, it is the policy of this District to fully comply with 20 U.S.C § 6318 which requires the district to engage parents of students who receive Title I services to:
 1. Develop a written Title 1 parental involvement policy;
 2. Agree upon the written Title 1 parent involvement policy;
 3. Distribute the developed and agreed upon Title 1 policy to all families



whose children participate in Title 1 programs.

- E. The Title 1 parent involvement policy shall be incorporated into the District's Title 1 plan.

III. SCHOOL LEVEL TITLE 1 PLAN AND COMPACT

- A. Each school that receives Title 1 funding shall jointly develop and agree upon a local school plan for parent engagement for Title 1 families. The agreed upon school plan shall be distributed to each Title 1 family.
- B. The local school family engagement plan shall include the development of a school – family compact which shall outline how families, staff and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and families will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve required high standards.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The Superintendent shall publish the Minneapolis Public Schools Family Engagement Standards.
- B. The Superintendent is authorized to promulgate regulations and administrative rules to implement this policy.
- C. All district employees shall promote the engagement of families in student academic achievement and activities.

Legal References:

20 U.S.C. §6318 (Parental Involvement – Title 1)

Minn. Stat. §124D.8955 (Parent and Family Involvement Policy)

Cross References:

MPS Policy 1050 (Parent Portal)

MPS Policy 1200 (Board Meetings and Public Participation)

MPS Policy 1310 (Parent-Teacher Association, Parent-Teacher-Student Association and other School-Community Organizations)

MPS Policy 1320 (Board of Directors Advisory Committees)

MPS Policy 1450 (Volunteers)

MPS Policy 1480 (Visits to Schools)

MPS Policy 1540 (Complaints Concerning School Personnel)

MPS Policy 1600 (Community Use of School Facilities)



MPS Policy 1650 (Use of Gymnasiums, Swimming Pools and Ice Arenas)

MPS Policy 1692 (Shared Leadership for Continuous Improvement)

MPS Policy 2305 (Superintendent Advisories)

MPS Policy 5330 (Reporting to Parents)

MPS Policy 5570 (Gifts to School Personnel)

MPS Policy 6200 (Curriculum)

MPS Policy 6260 (Academic Freedom)

MPS Policy 6740 (Community School Educational Program)

MPS Policy 7960 (Naming Schools and District Property)

MPS Family Engagement Standards (publication)