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PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN PEARSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2018-2019

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Research indicates that students who are academically successful tend to receive consistent support from adults in their home. The elementary school years are the time for parents to become involved so that continuous support and guidance will follow these students into the middle grades. Pearson Elementary School encourages parents to be involved in this

stage of their child's education. In order to guarantee student success, partnerships among schools and parents are vital. Parents participate on school committees such as the Title I committee and School Council. We recognize that parents are their children's primary teachers and their support is critical in our efforts to provide a quality education to the children at Pearson Elementary. In order to meet the needs of our parents, students, and staff, the following activities and strategies have been planned.

Pearson Elementary School will convene an annual Title I Staff Orientation meeting. The purpose of this meeting will be to:

- Address the value of the contributions of parents and the value of working with parents as equal partners to build ties between the home and school.
- Explain what it means to be a Title I Schoolwide school.
- Explain how we use our Title I funds to support parents' and students' needs.
- Discuss the annual goals as set forth in the Parent Involvement Plan and the School Parent Compact.

Pearson Elementary School will convene an annual Title I meeting, an Open House, and a Grade Expectations Night (curriculum night), which will be held at the beginning of the school year for all parents. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend. The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Inform parents about the guidelines, purpose, goals, and expectations of the Title I Program, Parent Involvement Plan, and School-Parent Compact.
- Inform parents of their important role in their child's success (monitoring grades, attendance, homework, volunteering, etc.).
- Inform parents of school, grade level, and individual teacher policies and procedures.
- Present an introduction to the grade level curriculum.
- Inform parents of the school's Open Door Policy and the accessibility of staff, opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and observe classroom activities
- Inform parents of their right to be involved in determining how the 1% parental involvement funds are spent.

Pearson Elementary will offer resources and materials to assist parents in helping their child/children have a positive educational experience.

- **Open House:** At this meeting, parents will be provided a copy of the Atkinson County Parent Involvement Plan, the Pearson Elementary School Parent Involvement Plan and the School-Parent Compact, School Health Form, Student Information Form, Student Handbook and other important school related information. Information will be sent home with students whose parents do not attend Open House.

In addition to the Title I Annual Meeting and the Open House, the following meetings and programs are offered at flexible times to meet the needs of the parents at Pearson Elementary School.

- **ESOL Parent Night:** This activity is held to provide Spanish-speaking parents an opportunity to participate in the education of the children. School staff members and migrant paraprofessionals will explain the system and local Parent Involvement Plan, the School-Parent Compact, school health form, school information form, the student handbook, the parent survey and other important school related information to Spanish speaking parents, which will assist Hispanic families to be fully involved in their child's education.
- **Parent Testing Information Meeting:** Parents receive assistance in understanding the areas of:
 - *Benchmark tests, Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (GKIDS), ACCESS and Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS).
 - *An explanation of the GMAS is provided. Parents are made aware that this test assesses a student's knowledge of the state curriculum.
 - *Parents will receive a copy of their child's assessment results whenever a national, state, or district level assessment is given. An explanation guide is also provided so that parents can understand the meaning of the results. Every effort is made to provide parents with conference time in which to share the results and answer questions.
- **Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE):** Provide information to parents regarding grade level requirements.
- **Infinite Campus Parent Portal:** Inform parents of and coordinate necessary training for using the Parent Portal to enable parents to be informed of their child's grades and attendance in order to increase academic achievement.
- **Family Reading Night:** Provides parents with reading ideas to use at home to help their child/children become stronger readers and writers. Childcare will be provided.
- **Math Night:** Provides parents with math ideas to use at home to enhance their child's skills in math.
- **Homework Workshop:** Provide parents with information and resources they need to help their child with homework.
- **Parent Plan and Compact Review Meeting:** Conduct an annual revision/update to parental involvement plan and compact.
- **Science Fair Informational Workshop:** Inform parents about local and regional science fair rules and expectations.

Pearson Elementary School uses the following communication methods to provide parents with timely information about Title I programs and the academic progress of students. Information about school and parent programs, meetings and other activities are sent to parents in a format and to the extent practical, in a language the parents can understand.

- **Facebook:** PES has and keeps an up-to-date Facebook page that is updated several times a week to keep parents informed about upcoming events.
- **Pearson Elementary School Newsletter:** The newsletter is offered in print to inform parents of previous achievements and upcoming events. The newsletter is written in English and Spanish.

Additional communication is provided through:

- Parent-teacher conferences with scheduled times for parents
- Progress reports/report cards indicating on grade level/not on grade level
- School programs and meetings
- Opportunities to volunteer and participate in classroom activities
- Response to Intervention meetings
- Email, letters and telephone calls.
- Local newspaper
- School Marquee
- PES Facebook page
- Remind messages

Pearson Elementary School shall:

- “To the extent feasible and appropriate,” coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs with Head Start, Pre-Kindergarten, Migrant Education, Extension Services, Satilla Regional Library, Ag Day, Career Awareness week, kindergarten, and conduct other activities that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.
- Provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request on annual parent surveys or during other parent meetings.
- Provide high quality curriculum and instruction in an environment that supports students in meeting the State’s performance standards. Curriculum will be taught by highly qualified professionals.

Pearson Elementary School may:

- Develop appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses in parent involvement activities, provide information on opportunities to participate and encourage the formation of partnerships with the school.

Pearson Elementary School will survey its parent population, at least annually, to evaluate the effectiveness of our parent involvement program. As part of this evaluation, the School Leadership Team and School Council (consisting of parents, community members, school administration, and staff) shall meet to review the data and comments, which are used to reexamine the School-Parent Compact. A printed agenda shall be presented and each committee member shall acknowledge his/her presence by signing an attendance log. All suggestions for improvement and identified barriers to parent involvement shall be noted. Responses to parent suggestions will be provided in a timely manner. Any unsatisfactory comments are included in the PES Title I Notebook.