

# Cook Primary School

## Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

2017-2018 School Year

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### Title I Information

Cook Primary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

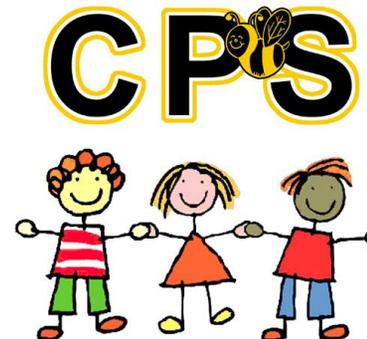
### School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

**What is it?** This is a plan that describes how Cook Primary will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Cook Primary values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Cook Primary will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

**How is it developed?** Cook Primary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey online and with students to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement.

**Who is it for?** All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Cook Primary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

**Where is it available?** During the year, the plan will be sent home with the students. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan from the secretary at the school or on the school website.



### **District Goals**

Students in Cook County Schools will receive differentiated instruction in all subject areas and will meet or exceed expected performance levels in grade specific standards as measured through classroom evaluations, local benchmarks, and state-mandated assessments.

#### **2017-2018 School Goals**

- All students at Cook Primary School will increase proficiency in all academic areas.
- Cook Primary School will provide a safe and positive learning environment.
- Students will demonstrate a proficiency in college and career readiness.

### **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, Cook Primary School and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

### **Parent – Teacher Organization**

Reasons to Join the School Parent Group!

- To become a part of your children's learning experiences.
- To help raise money for a great cause – your children's education.
- To get to know the teachers at school and to understand their needs and ideas.
- And finally, the number one reason to join us...WE NEED YOU!

Current PTO officers: Bonni Young, President; Keri Ann Scarborough, Vice-President; Tiffany Bullard, Secretary; Leigh Sears, Treasurer

### **Let's Get Together!**

Cook Primary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Monthly newsletters will be sent home to remind parents of these upcoming events.

Open House – August 9 (3:00 – 5:00)

Family Math/Science Night – September 7 (4:30-6:00)

Annual Title I Meeting – September 7 (6:00)

PTO Meeting – September 7 (6:15)

School Council Meeting – September 15

CHS Homecoming Week – September 25-29

Awards Assemblies – October 6

Parent Conferences – October 19 (3:30-5:30)

1<sup>st</sup> Eight Weeks Beehive Bash – October 20

Red Ribbon Week – October 23–27

Fall Festival – October 27 (4:30-7:00)

Second Grade Musical @ CHS – December 7 (6:00pm)

School Council Meeting – December 1

Awards Assemblies – December 15

2<sup>nd</sup> Eight Weeks Beehive Bash – December 19

Family Reading Night – February 1 (4:30-6:00)

School Council Meeting – February 9

Awards Assemblies – March 9

Parent Conferences – March 22 (3:30-5:30)

3<sup>rd</sup> Eight Weeks Beehive Bash – March 23

School Council Meeting – April 20

Field Day – April 27 (tentative)

Kindergarten Musical @ CHS – May 3 (6:00pm)

Awards Assemblies – May 11

4<sup>th</sup> Eight Weeks Beehive Bash – May 17

## Parental Involvement

Cook Primary School believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring –

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Cook Primary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

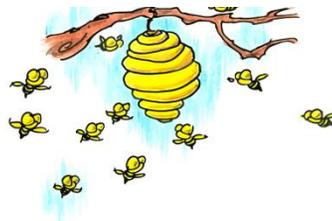
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## Parental Opportunities to Join the CPS Hive!

Cook Primary will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will –

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, and posted on the school website and included in the bi-monthly school newsletter for all parents.
- ✓ Partner with elementary school counselors and faculty to share school information about parent engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for the elementary school transition.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school website and in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school-wide events and activities, such as phone messages, social media, and flyers.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.

**Come  
swarm  
with us!**



## School Council

Cook Primary School invites all parents to share ideas and concerns with their school council representatives for the purpose of building partnerships with school, families, and the community. The school council will meet four times during the school year. Parents may contact the council representatives to submit their ideas or suggestions. ***The 2017-18 members are, Lori Betts, Eric Gordon, Heidi Rountree, Phil Morris Jr., Misty Dobransky, Tim Sellers, Tracy Gray, Joy Butler, Joi Williams, and Leslie Folsom.*** Call the school for members' contact information.