

# Detroit Lakes District Title I Parent Involvement Plan 2011-12 School Year

Detroit Lakes School District is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child in this district. To this end, we want to establish partnerships with parents and with the community. Everyone gains if school and home work together to promote high achievement by our children. Neither home nor school can do the job alone. Parents play an extremely important role as children's first teachers. Their support for their children and for the school is critical to their children's success at every step along the way.

## PART I. DISTRICT EXPECTATIONS

Each school district must establish the district's expectations for parent involvement. [Section 1118(a)(2), ESEA.]

The Detroit Lakes School District agrees to implement the following requirements:

- Detroit Lakes School District will put into operation programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in all of its schools with Title I programs. Those programs, activities, and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
- Detroit Lakes School District will work with its schools to ensure that the required school-level Parent Involvement Plan meet the Title I requirements, and include, as a component, a school-parent compact.
- Detroit Lakes School District will incorporate this district-wide Parent Involvement Plan into its district plan.
- In carrying out the Title I parent involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the Detroit Lakes School District and its schools will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- If Detroit Lakes School District plan for Title I is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school district will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school district submits the plan to Minnesota Department of Education.
- Detroit Lakes School District will involve the parents of children served in Title I schools in decisions about how the one percent of Title I funds reserved for parent involvement is spent, and will ensure that not less than 95 percent of the one percent reserved goes directly to the schools. (Only applicable for districts with Title I allocations greater than \$500,000.)

- Detroit Lakes School District will inform parents and parent organizations of the purpose and existence of the Parent Information and Resource Center in Minnesota (i.e., Minnesota Parent Center, Bloomington, MN).

## PART II. DISTRICT PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN REQUIRED COMPONENTS

1. Detroit Lakes School District will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development/revision of its district parent involvement plan:
  - Parents will be invited to a yearly planning meeting to discuss revisions to the Parent Involvement Plan
  - A parent survey will be sent to parents at the end of the school year and the results used to plan for future activities.
2. Detroit Lakes School District will involve parents in the joint development of district plan, review and improvement [i.e. district plan, section 1112, schoolwide section 1114, and/or school improvement section 1116];
  - Parents will be invited to a yearly planning meeting and their comments on a yearly survey will be considered in planning and improvement activities.
  - The school report card will be available on the district website, will be publicized in the local newspaper, and will be available at school sites.
  - Information regarding the district's status in maintaining adequate yearly progress will be available on the district website and published in the local newspaper.
  - Parent representatives will participate on the committee that develops the districts plan for improvement.
  - At least once a year, each building will provide staff development on topics related to effective strategies for parent involvement.
3. Detroit Lakes School District will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:
  - A parent survey will be sent to parents at the end of the school year and the results used to plan for future activities
  - Parent/student activities will be provided during parent/teacher conferences.
  - Parents will be able to monitor their children's academic progress through parent access to online progress reporting
4. (Detroit Lakes School District will build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parent involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:
  - A. The school district will, with the assistance of its Title I schools, provide assistance to parents of children served by the school district or school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph --
    - the state's academic content standards,

- the state's student academic achievement standards,
- the state and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
- the requirements of Title I,
- how to monitor their child's progress, and
- how to work with educators
- Information from the parent survey will be used to identify areas of need in parents' understanding of these topics.
- The district will provide information on the district website to inform parents.
- The district will support active PTA groups at both sites.

B. The school district will, with the assistance of its Title I schools, provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parent involvement, by:

- The district will provide informational materials to parents on opportunities available within the district.
- The district will provide information on the district website to inform parents.
- Parent meetings will be held twice each year to provide parent support in fostering the education of their children

C. The school district will, with the assistance of its Title I schools and parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:

- Parents will receive information on accessing student information through Skyward Parent Access.
- Information on Skyward Parent Access will be available on the district website
- Links to parent information sites will be available on the district website.
- Parents are encouraged to communicate with the Title I teachers.
- Title I teachers send an introductory letter to each parent with information on the program.
- Title I licensed teachers will attend MAASFEP conferences at least once during the school year.

D. The school district will coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, and public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children, by:

- The district collaborates with local programs such as headstart in providing parent and family education opportunities.

E. The school district will take the following actions to ensure that Title I information related to the school and parent- programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

- Information can be made available in languages other than English as needed by individual families.

5. Detroit Lakes School District will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parent involvement plan in improving the quality of its Title I schools. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parent involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The school district will use the findings of the evaluation about its parent involvement plan and activities to design strategies for more effective parent involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parent involvement plan.

- The district conducts an annual parent survey to obtain information from parents for use in planning and improving district programs.

6. Detroit Lakes School District will involve parents in the decisions regarding how funds reserved for parent involvement activities:

- The district conducts an annual parent survey to obtain information from parents for use in planning and improving district programs.

### PART III. ADOPTION

Detroit Lakes School District Parental Involvement Plan has been developed/revised jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I programs, as evidenced by meeting minutes.

This Parent Involvement Plan was developed/revised by the Detroit Lakes School District on 5/24/11 and will be in effect for the period of school year. Detroit Lakes School District will distribute this policy/procedures to all parents of participating Title I children on or before 9/15/11

  
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(Signature of Title I Authorized Representative)

5-15-11  
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