

QUITMAN ISD PRE-K FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN 2017-2018

# PREKINDERGARTEN

The QISD Elementary School will create a partnership between our families, schools and community for the successful transition into kindergarten. We feel "Building Better Bulldogs" is the most effective way to promote a culture of learning that is child-centered and family driven.

#### **Definitions of Family and Family Engagement: (HB4)**

**Family:** Family includes adult and children significant in the child's life who support the early learning and development of the child.

**Family Engagement Definition:** Family engagement is the mutual responsibility of families, school, and communities to build relationships to support student learning and achievement and to support family well-being and the continuous learning and development of children, families, and educators. Family engagement is fully integrated in the child's educational experience, supports the whole child, and is both culturally responsive and linguistically appropriate.



## **Prekindergarten Family Engagement Plan:**

Component	Evidence
1. Facilitate Family-to-Family Support	<ul> <li>Prekindergarten teachers and teacher assistants will provide parents with opportunities to participate in district and campus initiatives such as: <ul> <li>Meet the Teacher Night</li> <li>Campus Family Night for Learning</li> <li>QISD Back-to-School Bash</li> <li>QISD PTO Involvement</li> <li>Provide a translator for activities and events</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2. Establish a Network of Community of Resources	<ul> <li>QISD partnerships with community organizations will create a network of resources that will directly benefit</li> <li>Prekindergarten families as needed.</li> <li>Compile a Community Resource brochure that has information on affordable recreation, local library, legal aide, aide for domestic violence, social services, where to compete GED, mental and physical health services, etc.</li> <li>Provide guest speakers from the community.</li> <li>Furnish supplies, clothing, etc. for students in need</li> <li>CLI Engage Parent Resources</li> <li>Distribute relevant information regularly to parents</li> </ul>
3. Increase Family Participation in Decision-Making	<ul> <li>Pre-K families will be invited to participate in:</li> <li>Campus &amp; District Level Committees/Meetings</li> <li>Campus/District Family Engagement Survey</li> <li>Short and long term goals progress reporting</li> </ul>

4. Equip Families with Tools to Enhance and Extend Learning to Increase Student Achievement	<ul> <li>Pre-K families will be encouraged to attend learning opportunities to enhance and extend learning by providing parents with home activities that are age and developmentally appropriate to help prepare families for kindergarten by but not limited to: <ul> <li>Registering families for CLI Engage</li> <li>Print and distribute a Family Directory for parents to share information and assist with activity planning</li> <li>Student Field Trips</li> <li>Invite parents to three class parties each year</li> <li>Campus Library Resources</li> <li>Technology: Email, Campus and District Website,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul><li>REMIND 101, Newsletters, Facebook</li><li>Pre-K/Kinder Round-Up</li></ul>
5. Provide Ongoing Professional Development Opportunities for Educators that Support Families in Meeting their Children's Learning Benchmarks	<ul> <li>The QISD will provide PK teachers and aides professional development:</li> <li>End of each six weeks</li> <li>CLI/Engage</li> <li>Region VII Pre-K workshops</li> <li>Ongoing coaching and mentoring</li> </ul>

6. Evaluate Family Engagement Efforts and Use	Trainings, workshops, meetings, and family engagement
Results for Continuous Improvement	activities are followed with an evaluation, which provide
	families the opportunity to express their views on the
	activities. In addition, families are encouraged to
	participate in the district-wide parent survey. Campus and
	district will use some of the following tools:
	Use survey results to provide valuable information
	in planning, developing and implementing
	prekindergarten activities for the district
	Revise/review Campus Prekindergarten
	Family Engagement Plan annually