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Larson Elementary School Parent Involvement Policy 2016-2017

Larson's Vision of Parent Involvement

Larson Elementary School is committed to the goal of providing quality education for every child. 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 every step along the way.

Larson Elementary recognizes that some students may need the extra assistance available through the Title I program to reach the state's high academic standards. Larson Elementary intends to include parents in all aspects of the school's Title I program.

The goal is a school-home partnership that will help all students to succeed and shall be done through the following steps:

- A. Larson Elementary School will jointly develop/revise with parents the school parent involvement policy and distribute it to parents of participating children and make available the parent involvement plan through the student handbook, newsletters, and our website
- B. Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved. The annual meeting will be offered during Fall Open House evening.
- C. Offer meetings during convenient times for parents to attend. If parent involvement meeting takes place in the evening, childcare will be provided.
- D. Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, improvement, and development of the Title I school plan. Parents are invited through newsletters, teacher invitation, and at the Fall Open House.
- E. Involve parents and school staff in the development of a School-Parent Compact that explains ways the school staff, parents, and students will work together to increase student achievement. Parents are provided the compact and a feedback form at Fall Open House. The revised compact will be signed at parent-teacher conferences during the October 2016 parent-teacher conference.



- F. Provide parents timely information about –
- the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet via review at the Fall Open House/Annual Meeting, fall conferences, and via letter sent home.
 - if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practically possible.
 - a description of the Title I program the school is providing during the annual meeting during Open House.
- G. If the school wide program plan is not satisfactory to the parents, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the community. This may be done by completing feedback forms that are provided or by contacting the Principal.
- H. The staff of Larson Elementary School, parents, and students shall work together to share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement by:
- conducting parent/teacher conferences, annually (at a minimum)
 - discussing the compact as it relates to the individual child's achievement; providing frequent reports to parents on their children's progress
 - providing parents with reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class and observation of classroom activities.
 - providing parents with regular meeting to make suggestions and participate in decisions relating to the education of their children.

To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, Larson Elementary:

- I. Shall provide assistance to the parents of children served by the school or local educational agency, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the State's academic content standards and State student academic achievement standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children. This information is provided at Family Involvement Nights, in newsletters, on the school's website, and at parent-teacher conferences.
- J. Shall provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy, math, and technology training, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement by offering parent trainings and informational sections at Fall Annual meeting, during family involvement nights, and during parent/teacher conferences.
- K. In carrying out the parental involvement requirements of this part, districts and schools, to the extent practicable, shall 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 a format and, to the extent practicable, when possible in a language such parents can understand. Translators will be provided, upon request, to families of ELL qualified students.

This Larson Elementary Parental Involvement Policy has been developed with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I program, as evidenced by meeting minutes. The Parent Involvement Policy was reviewed by Larson Elementary on 08/11/2016 and will be in effect for the period of school year. The school will distribute this Parent Involvement Policy to all parents and make it available to the community on or before October 2016.

(Signature of Title I Authorized Representative)

(Date)

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