



## **“Lighting the Path to Success”**

### **Parent and Family Engagement Plan *Peek’s Chapel Elementary School* 2020 – 2021 *Revision Date: August 22, 2020***

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, Peek’s Chapel Elementary School receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on, and distribute to parents of participating children a written Parent and Family Engagement Plan that contains information required by section 1118(b)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). The plan establishes the school’s expectations for parental involvement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parental involvement activities, and it is incorporated into the school’s plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

The Peek’s Chapel Elementary School agrees to implement the following requirements as outlined by Section 1118:

- Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under Title I, Part A, including the planning, review, and improvement of the Parent and Family Engagement Plan and the joint development of the school-wide program plan under Section 1114(b)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA).
- Update the Parent and Family Engagement Plan periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school, distribute it to the parents of participating children, and make the Parent and Family Engagement Plan available to the local community.
- Provide full opportunities, to the extent practicable, for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under Section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.

- If the schoolwide program plan under Section 1114(b)(2) of the ESEA is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.
- Be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with this definition:

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

(A) Parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning

(B) Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school

(C) 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

(D) Other activities are carried out, such as those described in Section 1118 of the ESEA

**DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE SCHOOL WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOLWIDE PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN COMPONENTS**

**JOINTLY DEVELOPED**

Peek’s Chapel Elementary School will take the following actions to involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including opportunities for regular meetings, if requested by parents, to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their child and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

In the spring of each year, Peek’s Chapel will hold an annual Title I revision meeting to allow parents to offer input concerning the Title I program plans for the following school year. Parents are also encouraged to provide input through surveys provided at workshops and meetings, and also the Annual Title I Parent and Family Engagement Survey. The Parent Liaison is available by phone and in person to discuss ideas, suggestions or concerns parents may have.

**ANNUAL TITLE I MEETING**

Peek’s Chapel Elementary School will take the following actions to conduct an annual meeting, at a convenient time, and encourage and invite all parents of participating children to attend to inform them about the school’s Title I program, the nature of the Title I program, the parents’ requirements, the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, the school-wide plan, and the School-Parent Compact.

The meeting for the 2020-2021 school year will be held virtually on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. A link will be placed on the PCE website. Parents will be provided with the information concerning our Title I program at the meeting. The Peek's Chapel Elementary School FY21 Title I Budget will be discussed, as well as the updated schoolwide plan and Parent and Family Engagement Plan.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Peek's Chapel Elementary School will take the following actions to provide parents of participating children the following:

- Timely information about the Title I programs
- Flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide with Title I funds, transportation, childcare or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement
- 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 via e-mail, remind.com and class dojo, and in a language the parents can understand:

Peek's Chapel Elementary School will provide information to parents regarding Title I programs and meetings in several ways: making flyers, newsletters, website posting and school marquee. Parents will be surveyed on days and times that are most convenient for meetings and workshops. Information will be available in a language that parents can understand, and childcare will be provided when feasible.

## **SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT**

Peek's Chapel Elementary School will take the following actions to jointly develop with parents of participating children a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards.

Parents are invited to an annual revision meeting in the spring of each year to provide input on the School-Parent Compact. Ideas and suggestions are collected and taken into consideration for the current plan. Opportunities will be available at various times to allow for parents to participate around their schedule.

## **RESERVATION OF FUNDS**

Peek's Chapel Elementary School will take the following actions to involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1% of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent by:

- Peek's Chapel Elementary School will provide parents with a copy of the parental involvement budget upon request.
- Peek's Chapel Elementary School will provide opportunities for parents to give suggestions as to how parental involvement funds should be spent. Parents are encouraged to provide input online, and also on surveys supplied at each parent workshop and meeting. The Parent Liaison is available by phone and in person to discuss ideas, suggestions or concerns parents may have.

## **COORDINATION OF SERVICES**

Peek's Chapel Elementary School will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, 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.

Peek's Chapel Elementary School will coordinate with the Parents as Teachers Program. Within our district, our PATS Program follows the First Steps Georgia Framework for healthy starts for families with children age birth to 5 years.

Peek's Chapel Elementary School has a Parent Resource Center available to parents with various resource books, pamphlets, instructional kits and series available for check-out. Parents can work at home with their children to reinforce skills, and to increase the academic achievement of their children.

## **BUILDING CAPACITY OF PARENTS**

Peek's Chapel Elementary School will build the parents' capacity for strong parental involvement to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement through the following:

- Providing parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet
- Materials and training to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement
- Providing assistance to parents of participating children, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:

- 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, Part A
- How to monitor their child’s progress
- How to work with educators

Each year, Peek’s Chapel Elementary School has an annual curriculum night in which an explanation of the curriculum used is explained, as well as academic assessments used throughout the year. Peek’s Chapel Elementary School will also hold various parent workshops throughout the year, that will give parents the tools and resources necessary to help their children succeed. Parent workshops will be offered in two sessions to allow parents opportunities that work around their schedule. The Peek’s Chapel Elementary School Parent Resource Center provides materials and resources available to parents as well.

**BUILDING CAPACITY OF SCHOOL STAFF**

Peek’s Chapel Elementary School will provide training to educate the teachers, pupil services personnel, principal, and other staff on how to reach out to, communicate, 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 the school by:

- Peek’s Chapel Elementary School will provide Professional Learning opportunities for faculty and staff through Professional Learning Communities that occur on a six-day rotation for the entire school year. These will include data discussions, online resources, staff workshops, webinars and various materials to help staff work with parents and build this relationship between the parents and the school.

Peek’s Chapel Elementary School will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under Section 1118 as parents may request by:

- Peek’s Chapel Elementary School will provide additional community information concerning available resources for parents and families.