Title I Family Engagement Policy
Providence Elementary School 2014-2015

Fairfax County Public Schools’ Title I program is established to improve student achievement and help all students meet the objectives of the Fairfax County Program of Studies and the Virginia Standards of Learning. To assure that this goal is met, a partnership with families is essential. Therefore, Providence Elementary School commits to work in partnership with families in the following ways:

Welcoming All Families
- Signs in multiple languages
- Provide translation services whenever possible, both for documents going home and oral translations for parent conferences, meetings, and family events.

Effective Communication
- Communicate with families on a regular basis regarding their child’s progress in school.
- School-wide Facebook page, Blackboard, teacher newsletters, school newsletters, school website, Panther Press
- KIT system with messages in both English and Spanish
- Communicate with families frequently throughout the school year regarding their child’s progress in school and provide specific strategies for intervention and support through our Parent nights
- Utilize our parent liaison to support family and community communications

Volunteering
- Train parents and community volunteers to assist with extra reading and math activities in the classroom, including the Northern Virginia Women's Assistance League, George Mason student volunteers, and Fairfax High School student volunteers.
- PTA volunteer opportunities

Supporting Student Success (Learning at Home; Parenting)
- Conduct a meeting with parents during the first quarter to provide suggestions and resources for how to help their children in reading and math, completing homework, and completing independent reading at home.
- Conduct workshops at a variety of times to provide assistance to families in supporting their child’s academic achievement.
- Provide school performance profile information and individual student assessment results to parents.
- Continue to work as a Professional Learning Community, maintaining weekly team meeting times to create common assessments and to stay focused on data analysis. Provide workshops to parents to explain the PLC.
- Establish reading programs utilizing parent and community involvement, including Reading Express and Leveled Literacy Intervention and Adult English classes.
- Provide family participation events throughout the school year, including the Family Open House and Ice Cream Social, Back To School Night, Family Heritage Night, Math, Science and Technology Night, Family BINGO Night, the Sock Hop, the Book Fair, SOL Night, and Fun Fair.
• Provide extra learning opportunities with parental assistance to prepare students for successfully passing their spring SOL tests, including the Early Learning Lab and the After School Learning Seminar.

• Implement the Patterns of Thinking to improve student achievement and provide workshops for parents to learn about this method their children are using in the classroom.

Decision Making/Advocacy

• Develop, in consultation with families, a Home-School Compact, stating what each party will do to share the responsibility for high student performance. Review the compact annually with families and school staff.

• Provide reading and writing events with the assistance of the PTA, including the Providence Writing Anthology and the Reading Iditarod Contest.

Collaborating with the Community

• Mentor Program for students with our Business Partners: YRCI, Apple Federal Credit Union, & National Pest Management

• Service Saturday

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