

Benoist Farms Elementary

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2023-2024 Parent and Family Engagement Plan Summary

Parent and Family Engagement Mission Statement

The mission of the Parent and Family Engagement is to bridge the gap between parent, school and community and improve relationships between home and school, which empowers families to become proactive in their children's education on a continuous basis. The program does this by providing information, training and assistance through family/parent education courses, activities and referral services.

Annual Title I Meeting

Each year, families are invited to attend this meeting at the beginning of the school year to learn more about our school-wide Title I Program and the requirements of Title I. Our meeting will be on October 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Accessibility for all Families

We encourage all families to attend meetings and events and provide supports needed so all families are able to participate. We provide translated documents and interpreters, activities for children to participate in while parents attend the meeting, accessible meeting space, and multiple meeting days and times. Please notify the school if other assistance is needed. We want all families to be a part of their child's education!

Parent and Family Engagement Activities

Based on family input, we will provide the following activities to assist families in understanding the state curriculum and assessments to help families improve their children's academic achievement:

• Curriculum Night- parents will receive an overview for the content that students will learn in each grade level. They will learn strategies that they can use to support students at home.

• Literacy Night- parents will learn about fun activities that they can use at home that relate to literacy and support what students need to be able to do at a grade level.

• Math Night-parents will learn about fun activities that they can use at home that relate to math and support what students need to be able to do at a grade level.

Shared Decision Making

Families will be invited to many meetings throughout the year to receive academic information and provide input on ways the school, families and students can share responsibility for student success. We hope you will join us for SAC meetings, parent conferences, and Title I meetings, and trainings.

Communication

Based on your input, we will communicate in ways; including our school website, Twitter, emails, Class Dojo, phone blasts, text messages, calls from teachers /school administration/ and the parent liaison. Flyers will be digital this year and sent to parents through email. If you find that communication does not seem to be getting home, please let us know. Our goal is to keep communication between home and school open and ongoing.

<u>Volunteers</u>

Families are encouraged to volunteer at our school to help students and teachers be successful. To find out more about volunteer opportunities, please call our school's volunteer coordinator Ms. McNeil. We would love to have you support our school.

<u>Our Plan</u>

This plan was written in partnership with families and other members of our school community. We welcome your suggestions to improve our family engagement practices. If you have comments, you may write them on the line below. You are also encouraged to attend our annual Parent Input Meeting in the spring and complete the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Survey sent home each year

Please complete the <u>Parent Family Engagement Summary Acknowledgement</u> to let us know that you have read the summary or sign and return to school.

Parent Signature

_____ Date: _____

Student Name

Teacher: