

# Congress Middle School

## 2023 – 2024 Parent and Family Engagement Plan Summary

### Parent and Family Engagement Mission Statement

The Parental & Family Involvement Mission of Congress Middle School is to build a bridge. The home and school will work together to support the development of our capable young people with innovative minds and ethical spirits. We are committed to sharing with parents the responsibilities of instilling meaning and value of community and in the joy and importance of lifelong learning. We are dedicated to empowering our students to become productive and responsible citizens. “Together may we give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly.” -Anonymous

### 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 September 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

### Parent and Family Engagement pieces of training

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

- Parent University(Science/ English/Language Arts/ Math Focus – 1/20/24) the university is designed for families to learn specific strategies to help their children at home with their academics.
- Additional Training include STEAM Night; Choice & Magnet Night; Multicultural Night and more

### Shared Decision-Making

Families will be invited to many meetings throughout the year to receive academic information, reports, 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, Title I meetings, and parent training.

### Communication

Based on your input, we will provide the opportunity for parents to attend meetings virtually and at community locations such as the Boynton Beach City Library, Ezell Hester Center, or Carolyn Sims Center. Parents may also stop in when able to gather information shared at each event by seeing Ms. Lee, Title 1 Contact. We will also communicate in an ongoing and timely manner using a variety of methods including our school website, social media, emails, phone calls from teachers, school administration, and other staff; by flyers sent home with your student; through notes in your student’s agenda, school newsletter and calendar. If you find that communication does not seem to be getting home, please let us know.

### Accessibility for all Families

We encourage all families to attend meetings and events. School staff will provide support needed for all families to be able to participate and be engaged in their child’s education. We provide translated documents and interpreters (academic reports, flyers), accessible meeting space, and consistent meeting days and times. Please notify the school if another assistance is needed. We want all families to be a part of their child’s education!

### Volunteers

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. We would love to have your help.

### Our Plan

This plan was written in partnership with families, staff, and 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 Stakeholder Input Meeting in the spring and complete training evaluations, and the Parent and Family Engagement Survey sent home each year.

Please sign below to let us know you have read the summary. Please return the signed portion to your child’s teacher.

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I have reviewed the Parent and Family Engagement Plan Summary for Congress Middle School.

Family Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

