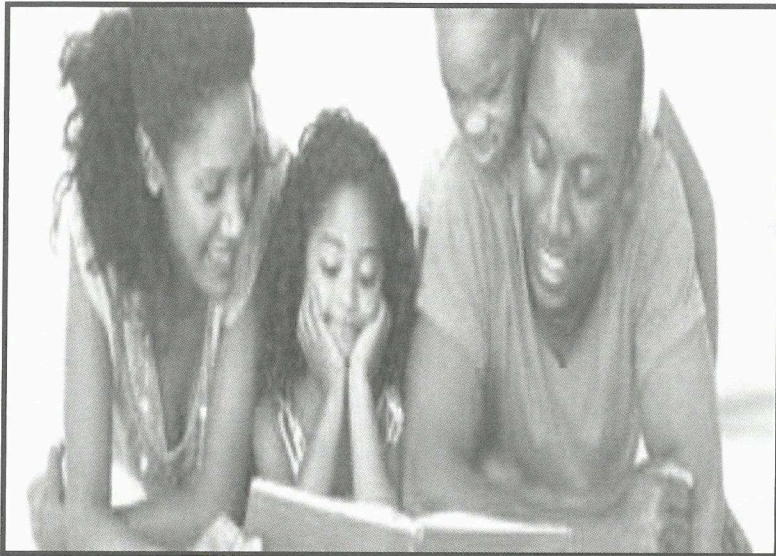


RICHMOND COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

Revised June 30, 2020

2020-2021



Mission:

Build a globally competitive school system teaching, learning collaboration and innovation.

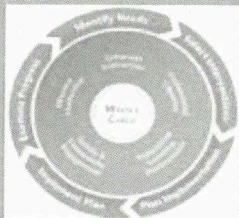
Vision:

Provide an equitable education for all students to prepare them for life beyond the classroom.

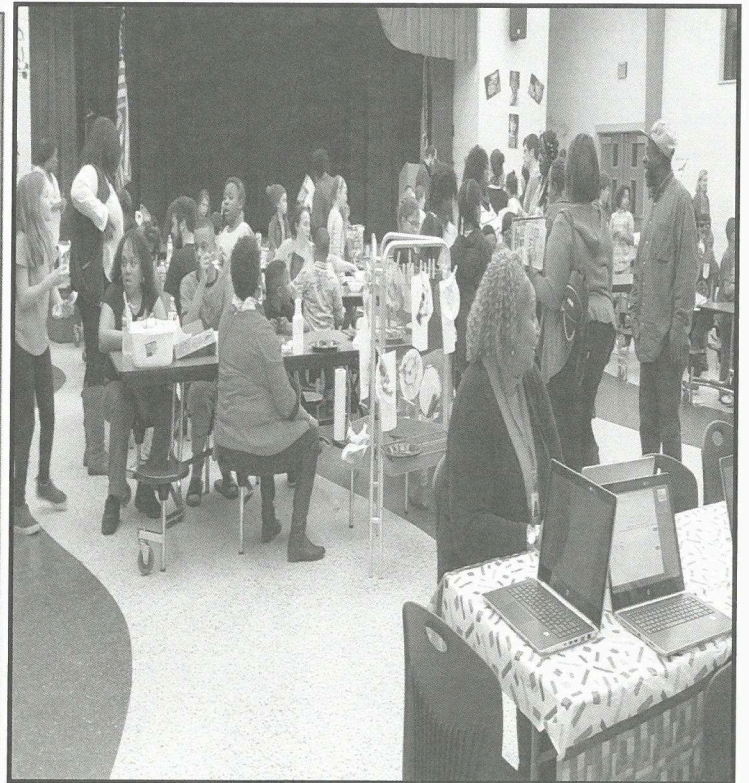
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Dr. Kenneth Bradshaw, Superintendent



What is Family Engagement?

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

- (A) That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- (B) That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education.
- (C) That 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) The carrying out of other activities, such as those described in
Section 1116 of the ESSA.

About the Parent and Family Engagement Plan

In support of strengthening student academic achievement, the Richmond County School System (RCSS) has developed this parent and family engagement plan that establishes the district's expectations and objectives for meaningful family engagement and guides the strategies and resources that strengthen school and parent partnerships in the district's Title I schools. This plan will describe RCSS's commitment to engage families in the education of their children and to build the capacity in its Title I schools to implement family engagement strategies and activities designed to achieve the district and student academic achievement goals.

When schools, families, and communities work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer and enjoy school more. Title I, Part A provides for substantive family engagement at every level of the program, such as in the development and implementation of the district and school plan, and in carrying out the district and school improvement provisions. Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) contains the primary Title I, Part A requirements for schools and school systems to involve parents and family members in their children's education. Consistent with Section 1116, the RCSS committed to coordinating and integrating parent and family engagement strategies under Title I Part A with other federal, state, and local laws and programs by:

- Committing to utilize each school's budget to provide self-help resources, parenting magazines, resources for the home (such as "Study Buddy," and summer bridge reading and math materials), and improvement guides to assist with each student's academic growth.
- Communicating effectively with parents utilizing parent workshops on various topics suggested by parents.
- Considering and addressing parents' needs by committing to obtain documented suggestions, ideas, and comments at each scheduled parent event.
- Building relationships with internal and external departments and organizations within the community. Internally we will commit to scheduling monthly brainstorming sessions with our Partnership Office to assist with engagement strategies. Externally, we will align with local community partners as they plan community events and be in attendance with resources to distribute.

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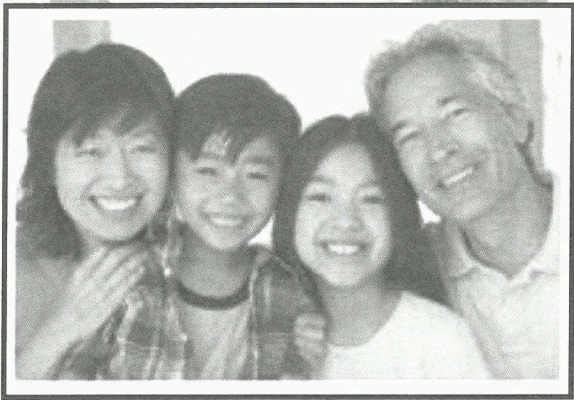
Throughout second semester of the 2019-2020 school year, parents were given the opportunity to provide input to improve the RCSS Parent and Family Engagement Plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

Parents were invited to give feedback on the district plan at school parent meetings across the district and to complete a survey located on the district website from which their feedback was collected. District plan and feedback forms were distributed to parents at district and school sessions and at the Title I end-of-year meetings held at the schools. The information was gathered and included in the 2020-21 RCSS Parent and Family Engagement Plan.

Upon final revision, the district parent and family engagement plan was incorporated into the Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan (CLIP) which was submitted to the state. Parents are welcome to submit comments and feedback regarding the plan at any time on the school district website. All feedback received by June was included within the plan for this school year.

The district parent and family engagement plan is posted on district and school websites, distributed during the annual Title I district and school meetings, and made available to parents in school parent centers or guidance offices in a format and language they can understand.





Opportunities for Meaningful Parent Consultation

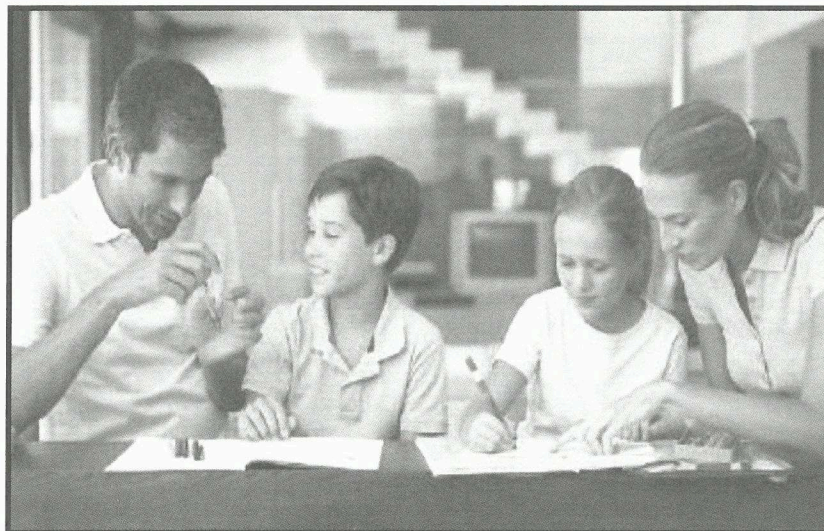
All parents of students eligible to receive Title I services are invited and encouraged to share their input and suggestions throughout the year on the District Parent and Family Engagement Plan, the CLIP and Schoolwide Improvement/Title I Schoolwide Plan/Title I Targeted Assistance Plan in the following ways:

- During February 2020, all stakeholders in Title I schools were invited to give input and feedback on the District Family engagement Plan and the Comprehensive Needs Assessment/District Improvement Plan. Open community input meetings were held, and online feedback forms were available to gather input for the district's needs assessment. Parent, student, and staff surveys are given annually and used in the needs assessment and planning process.
- Feedback forms will be available at the school, online and in the community
- Schools will be encouraged to host multiple person-to-person input opportunities throughout the year as requested through parent input.
- To the extent feasible, schools and the district will use virtual options to host meetings and collect parent input
- School parent input meetings will be held, and parents will be encouraged to contact their parent facilitator, family service facilitator, or other parent engagement representative
- The annual district survey is available on the district's Federal Programs webpage
- District-wide parent input meetings will be held at multiple times and in multiple locations in the spring
- The Federal Programs Department can be contacted at 706-826-1000

Parents will be notified via school and district website, ShoutPoint, notifications at the school, announcements at parent events and in the community about these opportunities as they are scheduled. Feedback forms are provided online as well as in the schools and in the community giving parents the opportunity to share their input and suggestions

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Get Involved!

Event	Date	Time	Location
Elementary School Open House	July 31, 2020	12:00p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Elementary, K-8 Schools
Middle School Open House	July 31, 2020	12:00p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Middle Schools
High School Open House	July 31, 2020	12:00p.m.-6:00 p.m.	High Schools
First Day of School	August 3, 2020	See School's Website	Elementary, K-8, Middle, High
District Annual Title I Meeting	September 17, 2020	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Success Center
Elementary Parent Conferences	October 8, 2020	By appointment	Elementary Schools
Elementary Parent Conferences	March 11, 2021	By appointment	Elementary Schools

Thank you, Richmond County School System parents, families, and school community, for your valuable input which helped to jointly develop this Parent and Family Engagement Plan. Staying engaged in your child's education and the decision-making process for schools and the System is vital to our success. If at any time during the year you have additional comments or feedback regarding this plan or other matters relating to your school and System parent and family engagement programs, feel free to contact the Federal Programs Department via phone, email or by mailing the form below. We look forward to meeting you at our next stakeholder input meeting in the spring.

Stakeholder Input Comments

Please contact me regarding my concern/comment.

Phone _____ Email _____

Name _____ (Please print.)

I am a parent family member school staff member community member.

My child attends _____ ES MS HS (circle)

Date: _____

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