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Dear Parents and Caregivers:

With this letter you are receiving a copy of the Title I District-wide Parent Engagement Policy.

What is Title I?

Title I is a section of the law formerly called “No Child Left Behind” and passed by Congress in 2002. This law contains regulations for elementary and secondary public schools on such topics as the use of federal funds, teacher training, academic achievement, parent rights, instruction for special student populations, and equity in athletics.

What is the Title I District Wide Parent Engagement Policy?

This Policy states how the District will ensure that parents can play a meaningful role in the education of their children and how it will coordinate parent engagement activities across offices. Each school district receiving Title I funding for economically disadvantaged populations is required to approve a parent involvement policy.

Our District policy was developed with the input of parents. Among other things, it proposes to provide parents with timely information in multiple languages; to provide educational opportunities for learning about the curriculum, testing, and other topics through the Parents ‘R’ Equal Partners (PREP) Program; to improve how parent input is included in school action (improvement) and to increase and diversify the District-wide Title I Parent Advisory Committee.

Why is the Policy important to you?

The Policy tells you what kinds of notification and information parents and caregivers are entitled to; what school and District activities are required to have parent or caregiver input; what measures the District plans to take to remove barriers to parent/caregiver participation; and what kinds of collaboration the District plans with Home and School Associations and other organized parent groups. Parent/caregiver responses to the Policy will be forwarded along with the Policy to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Please review the policy and join us in supporting your child’s school. We need parents, students and teachers working together to ensure great schools.

Sincerely,

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