

## Hamilton E. Holmes Elementary School



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**2023-2024**

### **School Parent and Family Engagement Plan**

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### **What is Title I?**

Title I, Part A, Section 1116 of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that each school served under Title I, Part A, develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement plan. Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parent and family engagement.

### **Who is it for?**

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Hamilton E. Holmes Elementary will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

## **Our Parent and Family Engagement Plan is Jointly Developed**

Parents, students and staff of Hamilton E. Holmes Elementary jointly developed this School and Family Engagement Plan. We invited all parents to attend our Parent and Community Input meetings in Spring 2022 to review and revise this Parent and Family Engagement Plan, as well as the schoolwide plan, our School-Family Compact and the Parent and Family Engagement budget. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey to collect suggestions from our stakeholders on the plan and the use of 1% funds for parent engagement. Parents, families, and community members can also give feedback during various parent meetings and events throughout the school year. Parents can see a copy on the Hamilton E Holmes website. The plan is distributed multiple ways including posted on the school website.

### **Hamilton E. Holmes Elementary will:**

- Provide opportunities to improve parent and family engagement to support student learning.
- Value the contribution and involvement of parent to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement.
- Support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.
- As a Title I school we believe the key to successful academic achievement is parent involvement. We encourage participation from the extended family - parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, special friends and the community.

### 2023 - 2024 Fulton County Schools' District Goals

- The percentage of students scoring at Developing Learner or above on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) English Language Arts End of Grade Assessment will increase by five percentage points.
- The percentage of students scoring at Developing Learner or above on the GMAS Mathematics End of Grade Assessment will increase by five percentage points.

### **School Goals 2023 – 2024: Grades K – 5 (Literacy and Mathematics)**

#### K – 5 Literacy Goals

- Increase the percentage of students in grades K-5 scoring On or Above Grade Level, Tier 1, by 20% as measured on the ELA End of Year iReady diagnostic for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

#### K – 5 Math Goals

- **Goal 1:** Increase the percentage of students in grades K-5 scoring On or Above Grade Level, Tier 1, by 20% as measured on the math end-of-year iReady diagnostic for the 2022-2023 school year.
- **Goal 2:** Decrease the percentage of students in grades K-5 scoring two or more grade levels below, Tier 3, by 20% as measured on the math end-of-year iReady diagnostic for the 2023-2024 school year.

#### K – 5 Focus Areas (Literacy)

- To prove foundational skills by focusing on phonemic awareness and phonic skills.
- To improve reading and comprehension by focusing on fluency and vocabulary acquisition.

#### K – 5 Focus Areas (Mathematics)

- **Numeracy:** the ability to understand and work with numbers *and* problem-solving: comprehending problems presented, developing plans, solving, and reflecting on processes for solving

### **Teachers, Parents, Students – Together for Success!**

Hamilton E. Holmes Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parent engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents and the community to improve student academic achievement. Meetings will be offered in different formats, such as online and in person.

#### **Sneak Preview – August 3, 2023**

We invite you to attend to our sneak preview event, where you and your student can have a look around the school, gain information, familiarize with the facilities, meet teachers and staff.

#### **Annual Title I Parent Meeting – September 20, 2023**

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our Parent and Family Engagement Plan, the Schoolwide Plan, the School Family Compacts, parent's requirements and Title I Budget.

#### **Curriculum Night – September 20, 2023**

Learn about the curriculum in use at the school, *as well as academic assessments.*

#### **Math Workshops – Second Semester 23/24**

Math workshops will promote interaction with technology, making learning more engaging and memorable.

#### **Reading Workshop – December 6, 2023**

Reading workshops are to help parents understand what their children are learning and to provide parents with any resources.

#### **Literacy Night – December 6, 2023**

Come learn about new resources in literacy instruction and technology, as well as copyright piracy.

#### **Georgia Milestones Info Night – March 2024**

Parents will engage with hands-on tools, resources, and activities to help prepare their scholars for the State and school assessments.

#### **Parent Input Meetings – April 2024**

Ensure your opinions and needs are heard by attending the annual Input Meeting provided for parents, families, and community once a semester. Play your part in ensuring the quality of education your student and community deserves!

**Hamilton E. Holmes will take the following measures to provide support to parents and family members in order to strengthen family-school partnerships and increase student academic achievement. We will:**

- ⇒ Ensure all the information related to school and parent programs, meetings, other activities are published and posted in a language parents can understand.
- ⇒ Provide materials and training such as literacy trainings and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy.) All parent meetings and activities are held at various times to offer parents flexibility, such as mornings and evenings. Meetings will be offered in different formats, such as online and in person.
- ⇒ All parent notifications about school events and meetings are distributed through various methods in a timely manner.
- ⇒ Report Cards every 9 weeks. Progress reports, 4 times a year.
- ⇒ Share information on ways parents can monitor their child's academic progress by using the Infinite Campus and various parent academic parent workshops.
- ⇒ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, flyers, marquee, and school website.
- ⇒ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent engagement.
- ⇒ Building Staff Capacity Training is held in the Fall and Spring each year, as well as ongoing to build partnerships between the family and the school. All school personnel is trained on the following topics: Value and utility of contributions of parents, how to reach out and communicate effectively with parents as equal partners, how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between home and school, how to provide information in a format and language the parents can understand, how to respond to parent requests for parent and family engagement activities. Continuous communication is provided through emails, videos, as secondary methods to build staff capacity.
- ⇒ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ⇒ Collect feedback from parents at all events. Evaluation sheets and feedback forms will be provided to parents and families after every event.
- ⇒ *The school has allocated funding for transportation or childcare, but due to COVID restrictions, these services are suspended until further notice.*
- ⇒ The residential facilities for students in the Hamilton E. Holmes attendance area are included in the family engagement correspondence and activities.

**Coordination of Services**

Hamilton E. Holmes and the Bright from the Start program will host a Kindergarten roundup where parents can learn how to help their preschooler get ready for kindergarten to ensure a smooth and successful transition.

Paul D. West Middle School in conjunction with Hamilton E. Holmes ES will have the "Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders informational session." A smooth transition into middle school will help students and parents form a positive first impression with realistic expectations of middle school, increasing their ability to succeed in school.

Hamilton E. Holmes Elementary is committed to helping parents and families attend family engagement activities. If childcare or transportation prevents you from attending meetings, please contact the school liaison.

### **Title I School – Family Compact for Achievement**

As part of this plan, Hamilton E. Holmes Elementary and our families will jointly develop a school-family compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade—level standards. The School-Family compact will be discussed with you throughout the year at various school—family events as we work together to help your child succeed in school.

#### **Parent Resource Center**

The Parent Resource Center is open from 8:00AM – 2:00PM. Contact Ms. Melina Fonseca, the Parent Liaison to checkout materials.

Contact person:

**Ms. Melina Fonseca** [fonsecam@fultonschools.org](mailto:fonsecam@fultonschools.org)

**(470)254-9406**

### **Reservation of Funds**

Parents share in the decision making regarding how the Title I Budget is allocated. Title I stipulate that 1% of funds are set aside to be budgeted for parent engagement resources and activities. Parents input determines how the 1% Budget is spent.

#### **Parents and Family Engagement Standards**

Hamilton Holmes Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school’s model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are:

- Welcoming All Families
- Communicating Effectively
- Supporting Student Success
- Speaking Up for Every Child
- Sharing Power
- Collaborating with Community

### **Parent and Family Engagement**

Schools understand that parents are busy people, but there are many different ways you can get involved in your child’s education. No matter how little or how much time you have, there are many ways you can positively impact your child’s education at school and at home.

- Volunteer at school
- Work with your student at home
- Keep in touch with the school
- Be informed and responsive
- Participate in workshops that are offered
- Invite the community to partner with school

### **Share Your Thoughts**

**We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students’ and the school’s goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the front office or with your Parent Liaison: (Any unsatisfactory comments will be submitted to the district.)**

**Name:(optional)** \_\_\_\_\_

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