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Northbridge Title I Parent/Guardian Involvement Policy

The Northbridge School District welcomes the participation of parents and guardians in support of student learning and recognizes that parental involvement increases the opportunities for student access. In accordance with the 2002 No Child Left Behind Act, the Northbridge School District has developed and will implement the following parent involvement and community support plan:

1. The district will involve parents/guardians in the development of the Title I plan through the results of surveys circulated to parents/guardians. The survey compilations will be utilized in updating the Title I plan, and in deciding how the district can best meet the concerns and needs of Title I parents/guardians.
2. The district will provide the planning and support necessary to participating schools (Northbridge Elementary School and Northbridge Middle School) in implementing effective parent/guardian involvement by:
 - Providing opportunities for parents/guardians to be actively involved in their child's education through a variety of activities and strategies such as:
 - Open House
 - School and classroom newsletters
 - Parent conferences
 - Curriculum Nights
 - Parent workshops
 - Aiding schools in disseminating school -student-parent compacts
 - Providing a Title I brochure to parents/guardians explaining the Northbridge Title I program
3. The district will develop a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement, the means by which the school and parents/guardians will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards, and the importance of communication between teachers and parents/guardians on an on-going basis.
4. The district will facilitate an annual meeting for Title I parents/guardians in the fall. Parents/guardians will be given information about Title I guidelines, school programs, and parent/guardian involvement opportunities.
5. The district will provide the following information to parents/guardians to foster and maintain ongoing communications:
 - Parent/guardian opportunities for involvement in school and district activities

- Their child's educational progress
 - Their right to obtain professional qualifications of their child's teachers and paraprofessionals
 - The status of their child's schools; the process by which schools are identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring; and options available to parents as a result of this identification
 - Actions taken by the district to address the problems that led to the identification of a school for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring
6. The district will conduct an annual evaluation survey, with the involvement of parents to assess the effectiveness of the parent plan, determine barriers to parental involvement, and evaluate whether there has been increased parental involvement as a result of Title I activities.
7. In order to build the capacity of schools and parents/guardians for strong parental involvement, the Northridge School District will:
- Provide assistance to parents/guardians in understanding such topics as the State's curriculum standards, student achievement standards, state and local academic assessments, and how to monitor their child's progress and work with educators to improve academic achievement
 - Provide materials and training to help parents/guardians work to improve their child's achievement
 - Educate teachers, pupil services personnel, administrators, and other staff with the assistance of parents/guardians, in the value of parent involvement, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents/guardians as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents/guardians and schools
 - Ensure that information related to district and school parent programs, meetings and other activities is sent to the parents/guardians in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the other parents/guardians can understand
 - Provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents/guardians may request
8. The district will provide timely information to parents about Title I including
- Information about Title I programs
 - A description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet
 - Opportunities for regular meetings as requested to formulate suggestions and participate in decisions relating to the education of their child, and for the school to respond to such suggestions as soon as practicable possible