

## **Union Hall Elementary School Parental Involvement Policy**

1. Union Hall Elementary School will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its school parental involvement plan under Section 1112 of the ESEA:

*Union Hall Elementary School will provide to parents a copy of the school's parental involvement policy and the school-parent compact. These materials will be shared at Title I meetings and parent teacher conferences/virtual meetings. Written and oral input from parents will be solicited through Title I meetings, parent teacher conferences, class newsletters, school webpage, and other regularly written communications with parents.*

2. Union Hall Elementary School will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under Section 1116 of the ESEA:

*The Title I School Team will meet and share information with parents. Meetings with parents will be held to include the Title I teachers, Family Services Coordinator, the principal, and other staff as deemed necessary. Parents may submit comments in writing regarding the school-wide plan to the Title I School Team, the principal, or the Title I Director.*

3. Union Hall Elementary School will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement to improve student academic achievement and school performance:

*The Title I School Team will meet to discuss ways to improve student achievement and school performance, as well as, encourage parent participation in school activities. Parents will be provided information regarding the use of Parent Portal as a means of being better informed of their child's progress.*

4. Union Hall Elementary School will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies in Part A with parental involvement strategies by:

*The school will host Title I meetings, as well as, activities and family events if allowable under the Governor's orders during COVID-19. Additionally, parents will be encouraged to attend workshops held at various times throughout the school year when visitors are allowed.*

5. Union Hall Elementary School will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving the quality of the school. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater

participation by parents in parental involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The school will use the findings of the evaluation about its parental involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies.

*Union Hall Elementary School parents will be provided surveys at the beginning and before the end of the school year. The results will be used to address areas of concern and parental needs.*

1. Union Hall Elementary School will build the schools' and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:

A. The school will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described:

- the State's academic content standards,
- the State's student academic achievement standards,
- the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments, the requirements of Part A,
- how to monitor their child's progress, and
- how to work with educators.

*Union Hall Elementary School will hold virtual meetings at various times and encourage parents to attend. Parents will be notified about meetings through the School Messenger system, school calendars, newsletters, and the school designed webpage.*

B. The school will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement by:

*Union Hall Elementary School held its Annual Title I Planning Meeting during Open House on August 5, 2021. The school will host two parent conference nights during the school year; additionally, teachers will schedule virtual conferences with parents as needed. If allowable, the school will host various activities to encourage parental involvement. Teachers will provide newsletters and study guides as appropriate.*

C. The school will, with the assistance of its parents, educate its teachers, pupil service personnel, principals, and other staff, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools, by:

*Union Hall Elementary School will share resources with parents. The school's webpage will provide links to resources for parents. All parents are encouraged to participate in activities at the school when they can be held (activities have been postponed due to COVID-19).*

D. The school will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, and public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children, by:

Parents will receive training and necessary information on the topics above through:

- *PCS handouts*
- *Grade level newsletters/study guides*
- *Title I virtual parent workshops*
- *Parent teacher virtual conferences*
- *Kindergarten registration – parent packet given out*
- *Individualized virtual meetings/packets given to parents for students needing additional support in reading or math*

E. The school will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

*Union Hall Elementary School recognizes the need to communicate with parents. Teachers provide parents with a newsletters and study guides. Communications are provided in the form of telephone calls, text messages, and email through the School Messenger system. Communications are sent to parents in Spanish as needed. Additionally, the School Messenger system is utilized to translate information into Spanish as needed.*

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