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## **Parent and Family Engagement Policy 2021-2022**

1. This policy has been jointly developed and agreed upon by the Halle Hewetson Elementary School and parents and families of students served in the school pursuant to Title I.
  - a. Halle Hewetson Elementary School will convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time for parents and families to evaluate this policy. These meetings will be held virtually on Thursday, September 9, 2021 and Thursday, October 7, 2021. For parents unable to attend our annual meetings virtually, the PowerPoint presentation has been added to the school website for review. Additionally, later dates will be provided to revise and adjust the Parent and Family Engagement Policy as needed. We encourage parents and families to offer suggestions and provide feedback during this meeting and all other monthly parent meetings using evaluation forms. The school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy, developed by the School Planning Team and members of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), will be distributed in an understandable and uniform format to the extent practicable, in a language parents and families can understand. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy will also be made available to the community via the school website and reasonable accommodations will be made for parents and family members with an additional meeting date in the evening.
  - b. The annual Districtwide Parent Survey results for Halle Hewetson Elementary School from 2020-2021 are as follows: 96% of parents agree or strongly agree that the teachers at our school really cares about their child. The survey results also showed a 6.5% decrease compared to last year's results in parents and families feeling that our school involves parents in most school events or activities concluding that 11.4% of parents and families disagree or strongly disagree with that statement. Taking that into consideration, we will work with our parents and families to determine the specific needs across our school. We will work with our counseling team and our PTO to develop a plan to ensure our parents and families feel welcome. The results of this survey will be discussed during the annual Title I parent meeting on Thursday, September 9, 2021 and electronic copies of the survey results will be sent through email to all families. To increase parent participation in the District Survey, we will provide paper copies of the survey in the front office and we will also remind families to complete the survey during parent meetings and through ParentLink.
2. Halle Hewetson Elementary School will involve parents and families in an organized, ongoing and timely way in the planning, review and improvement of Title I programs, School Improvement Plan, and Parent and Family Engagement Policy by facilitating monthly PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) meetings with our LIT (Learning Improvement Team). Due to AB394, the school will have parent representatives to participate in the shared decision-making for school improvement.
3. The Educational Involvement Accords are integrated into the registration process through Infinite Campus. Parents and/or family members must review the Accords prior to completing their child's registration. Administrators and teachers will have access to the Accords whenever needed for parent/student conferences or other occasions. These Accords are posted on the school website for review and are available during parent and family conferences.
4. Halle Hewetson Elementary School will include parents and families in the academic achievement of students by discussing school data during monthly parent and family meetings, offering Infinite Campus trainings with FACES, and providing training opportunities on how parents can provide home support and how to have effective communication between the school and parents.

- a. Administration and staff will:
  1. Provide assistance to parents and families, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the state's academic content and achievement standards, state and local assessments, the requirements of Title I, how to monitor their student's academic progress, and how to work with the school staff to improve the achievement of the student.
  2. Provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment enabling students to meet the Nevada Academic Content Standards.
  3. Offer parent and family involvement activities in the school that will include opportunities for parents and family members to volunteer and be involved in various school activities.
- b. Halle Hewetson ES will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve academic achievement, such as literacy training, technology classes, ESL classes, and parenting classes.
- c. Administration will, with the assistance of parents and families, educate teachers, pupil service personnel, and other staff members on the value and utility of parental and family contribution, how to communicate and work with parents and families as equal partners and build a solid relationship between parents and families. Topics such as parent conferences, parent and family classroom volunteers, and overall school-to-home communication will be addressed during these trainings.
- d. Halle Hewetson ES will continue to ensure that all information related to school and parent and family programs, meetings and other activities is sent to parents in Spanish and English format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents and families can understand. In addition, translation headsets are used for all parent meetings, and we have 20 bilingual staff members that are able to translate when needed.
- e. The administration will to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement programs to encourage and support parents and families in more fully participating in the education of their children. Some of the programs Halle Hewetson ES coordinates with are: Communities in Schools, 3 Square, SafeKey, FACES, Title I Hope, Eye Care for Kids, United Way, Green Our Planet, Safe Routes to School, Nevada PEP, Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, & Schreck Law Firm, and Student Success Advocates. These programs will be listed on the school website and flyers will be sent home as each program is utilized.
- f. Halle Hewetson Elementary School has encouraged the community to become involved in our school. We actively collaborate with our community partners on a regular basis. During monthly PTO meetings, we encourage parents and families to provide feedback as to how we can improve our collaboration opportunities. Circumstances regarding COVID-19 are fluid and social distancing protocols and other health and safety requirements are subject to change based on the advice of public health officials, including the State's Chief Medical Officer. Therefore, as described in the Framework for a Safe, Efficient, and Equitable Return to School Buildings, our district and school have created reopening plans to address multiple potential reopening scenarios, including full-time distance education for all students, in-person instruction following social distancing protocols, and hybrid learning; in adherence with emergency directives, public health protocols, and NDE guidance throughout the 2021-22 school year.