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## **RIVERSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **Parent & Family Engagement POLICY 2023-2024**

All Local Education Agencies (LEA) receiving Title I funds are required under Section 1116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to develop a written Parent and Family Engagement Policy for the LEA. The ESSA states that the LEA Parent and Family Engagement Policy must be jointly developed with parents and family members, incorporated into the LEA plan (Consolidated Application), and distributed to parents of participating children in a format and language that parents can understand. Such programs, activities, and procedures shall be planned and implemented with meaningful consultation with parents and family members of participating children.

#### **Section 1**

The Riverside School District, in conjunction with parents and family members will jointly develop the TI Plan for the district on an annual basis through use of feedback in person, in meetings, or through survey. *(ESSA, Section 1116(a)(2)(A))*.

## **Section 2**

The Riverside School District, in conjunction with parents and family members will jointly involve stakeholders in the review of school review and improvement through annual meetings, parent/teacher meetings, focus groups, survey(s), review of achievement scores, Future Ready PA Index, and student achievement in the schools. *(ESSA, Section 1116(a)(2)(A))*.

## **Section 3**

The Riverside School District (LEA) will provide technical assistance and support to schools to ensure planning and implementing effective parent and family engagement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance through professional development, support, consultation and building level Title I Coordinators at each identified TI school. *(ESSA, Section 1116(a)(2)(B))*.

## **Section 4**

The Riverside School District (LEA) will ensure coordination and integration of parent and family engagement strategies with other Federal, State, and local laws and programs through planning, assessment of current programming and professional development, current offerings etc. through annual meetings, surveys, and parent feedback. *(ESSA, Section 1116(a)(2)(C))*.

## **Section 5**

The Riverside School District, with meaningful involvement of parents and family members, an annual evaluation of the content and the effectiveness of the parent and family engagement policy in improving the academic quality of all schools, including identifying current barriers faced by students, parents,

and specific groups including those from underserved groups such as those who are who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background. Feedback and information obtained from focus groups, surveys and in meetings will be used to assist the needs of families to participate in the learning of our students and engagement with school staff to increase and make stronger successful school and family interactions by sharing strategies, materials and information to achieve the desired outcomes. (ESSA Section 1116(a)(2)(D)(i-iii)).

## **Section 6**

The Riverside School District (LEA) will review information compiled in annual meetings and surveys to develop key strategies for use to make more effective current parent and family engagement efforts at the school and district levels through PTG meetings, shared experiences and strategies and contribution to district needs, including revisions throughout the year, to the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, if needed based on stakeholder feedback. (ESSA, Section 1116(a)(2)(E)).

## **Section 7**

The Riverside School District will support and invite schools, parents and family members in becoming active participants in school and district activities, focus groups, advisory committees, survey participants, from all sections of the township and all district schools to assist in the review, revision and implementation of the district Parent and Family Engagement Policy as the year progresses.(ESSA, Section 1116(a)(2)(F)).

## **USE OF FUNDS SECTION:**

If the LEA reserves \$500,000 or more and are required to set aside 1%, funds shall be used to carry out activities and strategies consistent with the LEA's parent and family engagement policy, including not less than one of the following:

### **Section 1**

The Riverside School District will support schools in providing/contracting for professional development for district personnel regarding parent and family engagement strategies, which may be provided jointly to teachers, principals, other school leaders, specialized instructional support personnel, paraprofessionals, early childhood educators, and parents and family members (*ESSA, Section 1116(3)(D)(i)*).

### **Section 2**

Riverside School District Schools, with the support of the district, will determine supports needed to reach parents and family members at home through multiple mediums, including, but not limited to: School/district updates, One-Call/Sapphire Notification parent calls from school/district to homes, Talking Points, newsletters, parent communication, press updates regarding registrations or relevant information and by posting information on the district website. (*ESSA, Section 1116(3)(D)(ii)*).

### **Section 3**

The Riverside School District and schools will provide relevant information through conferences, parent meetings, workshops and newsletters on best practices focused on parent and family engagement, especially

best practices for increasing the engagement of economically disadvantaged parents and family members as determine through survey, meetings and feedback throughout the year. *(ESSA, Section 1116(3)(D)(iii)).*

#### **Section 4**

The Riverside School District will support schools in joining to collaborate with community-based or other organizations or employers with a record of success in improving and increasing parent and family engagement to ensure the continued academic achievement of BTSD students. *(ESSA, Section 1116(3)(D)(iv))*

#### **Section 5**

The Riverside School District will ensure district and school level engagement in other activities and strategies that the stakeholders and LEA determines are appropriate and consistent with the BTSD Parent and Family Engagement Policy based upon identified need in stakeholder meetings, focus groups, surveys or other areas not limited to those mentioned above. Revisions can be made if determined appropriate. *(ESSA, Section 1116(3)(D)(v)).*

- Policy 918 review: June 6, 2023 for the 2023-2024 School Year. Uploaded to the Federal Programs Website – September 10, 2023
- This policy were reviewed and revised with stakeholders during each Title One building's Annual Title One meeting (June 6, 2023 – Riverside Elementary West School and Riverside Elementary East. As per the families, no revisions were needed. Uploaded to the Federal Programs Website – September 10, 2023