

**Snow Hill Elementary School**  
**Title I School Level Parent and Family Engagement Plan**  
**2020-2021**



*Learning and Growing Together*

At Snow Hill Elementary School, we are committed to providing the best possible education for each and every child in our care. We recognize the importance of parent and family members' perspectives regarding academic achievement and the educational experiences of our students. Therefore, our goal is to build a community of collaboration and partnerships with our parents/families. In order to accomplish this goal, the Parent and Family Engagement team and Parent and Family Advisory Council will regularly meet and discuss ways to strengthen family, school, and community connections in order to provide students with the opportunity to achieve success in their educational experiences.

**I. Parental Input**

At SHES, we encourage our families to be involved in the planning, reviewing, and improvement of the Parent and Family Engagement Plan, the compact, and the MOI and PFE budgets through several avenues including:

- Our Title I Parent and Family Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet in July, August, and January of this year to develop, revise, and improve the Parent Engagement Plan, the Parent-School Compact, the MOI and PFE budget, and the planning and implementation of all Parent Engagement activities.
- PAC parent members and Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) members are also invited to attend our monthly School Improvement Team Meetings to discuss Title I and plan Parent and Family Engagement Events (PFE).
- Title I Annual Review Meetings are open to all family members and will be held three times throughout the year. These meetings will be scheduled at different times of the day to meet the needs of our families' schedules.
- School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) meets five times a year. Family members are selected and invited to attend.
- Family members are provided with a copy of the SHES School Level Parent Engagement Plan via backpack mail, as well as through the SHES Student Handbook and on our school website.
- Family members are encouraged to provide input and suggestions through surveys, Class DoJo, email, parent/teacher conferences, and at Title I Annual Meetings. In addition, families can fill out a form on our website.
- Under normal circumstances, family members are encouraged to participate in SHES classroom activities through attending PFE events, Volunteering, and participating in our Golden Guys and Girls Program.

**II. Curriculum**

Snow Hill Elementary School students receive a high-quality curriculum that is delivered by teachers who are highly-qualified. We follow the Worcester County guidelines in order to align with the Maryland College and Career Readiness Standards (MCCRS). Educational programs include, but are not limited to: Understanding by Design (UBD) units, Origo 2.0, Lucy Calkin's Writers Workshop, American Reading Company's 100 Book, Wilsons Foundations, Mystery Science, and TCI Social Studies.

### **III. Workshops and Trainings for Parents to Support Academic Achievement**

In order to provide opportunities for academic success for all students, we will provide authentic, relevant, and meaningful opportunities for parents and family members occurring at different times of the day to accommodate schedules. These events include workshops, trainings, materials, and resources to better understand curriculum initiatives, the Maryland College and Career Readiness Standards (MCCRS) and assessments, the requirements of Title I, and ways to further support the learning process in several ways, but not limited to:

- Virtual Big Bash
- Beep and Greet
- Reading is My SuperPower!
- Math Carnival Caravan
- Holiday Mingle and Socially Distanced Jingle
- Title I Compact Day
- One School One Book Club Fall, Spring & Summer
- STEAM Night/ Science is Alive
- African American Read In
- Spring Writing Celebration
- Summer Care Exposition
- Career Day

### **IV. Professional Development for Faculty to Work with Families as Equal Partners in their Child's Educational Processes**

- Analyze data from Title I Parent Engagement Surveys to identify suggestions for professional development topics for faculty and staff on how to communicate with and work with parents as equal partners.
- SHES Parent and Family Advisory Committee, which is comprised of parents, guardians, and educators will discuss ideas for Professional Development, Parent and Family Engagement events, and further ways to support communication and partnerships between home and school.
- Title I Specialist meets regularly with faculty, PAC and PTO members to plan and review Parent Engagement events.

### **V. Accommodations for All Family Programs**

- Parent and Family Engagement events will be carefully scheduled based on parent feedback on surveys and evaluations in order to better accommodate various schedules.
- Interpreters will be provided as needed for families who speak English as a Second Language at home or for parents/guardians who may have a hearing/speaking disability
- Childcare will be provided as needed
- Refreshments will be provided where applicable
- Transportation will be provided for attending Parent Engagement meetings (Transportation concerns can be arranged only if a parent provides written request within 48 hours of a specified meeting).

### **VI. Parent Communication**

Consistent communication between home and school is vital for academic success; therefore, we will provide information about Title I, the school, and student achievement to all parents in a timely manner, as often as possible in a two-way format, and in a language parents can understand, through:

- Eagle Express, flyers, email, signup.com, Class Dojo, Parent Handbook, and SHES Facebook page, SHES Twitter, Schoology, phone calls, and School Messenger (Robo calls).
- School website ([www.snowhillelem.org](http://www.snowhillelem.org))
- Parent Resource Center located in the lobby of our school
- PowerSchool (grades 2-3)

- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Frequent reports to familiarize family members on their child's progress
- Annual Title I, SIAC, and Parent Advisory Committee Meetings

If the Parent and Family Engagement Plan is not satisfactory, please submit any comments on the lines below or contact Kristina Belcher at [klbelcher@worcesterk12.org](mailto:klbelcher@worcesterk12.org)