Title I Fall Parent/Student Informational Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021
6:30 P.M. (VIRTUAL)
Mr. Aaron Sebelin – Principal Grs. K-2
Dr. Mark McGalla – Principal Grs. 3-5
Mrs. Kristen Rehrig – Teacher
Mr. Justin Fritz – Teacher
Mrs. Suzanne Cordes – Teacher
Mrs. Ashley Lichtenwalner – Teacher
Ms. Christina Brong – Teacher
Mrs. Paula Bonser – Teacher
Mrs. Donna Zacharias - Teacher
Mrs. Ann Shoenberger – Paraprofessional
Mrs. Rachel Atwood – Paraprofessional
Mrs. Linda Kasperski – Paraprofessional
Mrs. Kelly Carpenter – Paraprofessional
Ms. Bonnie Helmer – Paraprofessional
What Is Title I?

- Title I is the largest federally funded education program. Districts receive Title I funds from the federal government (through the PA Dept. of Ed.) and distribute these funds to schools based on the number of low-income students (eligible for free/reduced price lunch). However, low-income is only used to distribute funds. Students are selected to receive Title I services if they have academic need.

- Title I provides extra help and a variety of programs and activities designed to increase children’s academic achievement (especially in reading and/or math).

- The goal is to help low achieving students catch up and maintain their progress with the other students.

- Title I School-Wide. This means we look at all students and their assessment to identify those who need extra help to attain the state standards.
A School-wide Program (SWP) is a comprehensive reform strategy designed to upgrade the entire educational program in a Title I school; it’s primary goal is to ensure that all students, particularly those that are low achieving, demonstrate proficient and advanced levels of achievement on state standards.
School-wide Flexibility

- LEAs cannot be asked to:
  - Specifically identify eligible Title I students for targeted Title I services. All students are eligible to participate;
  - Identify individual cost and services as supplemental;
  - Provide services through a particular methodology or instructional setting.
School-wide Four Components

1. Comprehensive Needs Assessment
2. School-wide Reform Strategies
3. Coordination and Integration of Service
4. Comingling of Funds Optional
Benefits of School-wide

- Flexibility
- Coordination and Integration
- Accountability
- Unified Goals
Federal Funds Consolidated Grant

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs $636,945
- Title II, Part A – Supporting Effective Instr. $79,132
- Title III, Consortium with CLIU Language Instruction for English Learners - $5,917
- Title IV, Part A – Student Support & Academic Enrichment $48,119
Possible Uses of Title I Funds for District-Wide Initiatives For School-Wide Schools

- Summer school courses or after school tutoring
- Assigning staff (Professional & Support) to help address the Reading and Math Needs of students identified through assessments, grades, parents and/or teacher recommendations.
- Hiring outside experts to work with the staff of low achieving schools
- Piloting a data dashboard to help teachers in Title I schools
- Paying for extended time for teachers to review data and identify interventions
- Extended learning time
- Contracting with outside providers with expertise in school improvement to support low achieving schools/students
Why Parent Involvement Is Important

- Research over 25 years has been consistent.
- When parents are involved – regardless of income level or background- children do better in school.
- Increased attendance
- Lower drop out rate
- Better test scores
- Fewer discipline problems
- Higher college attendance rates
Policies For Parent Involvement Required in ESSA (Formerly NCLB)

- At least one annual Title I Meeting
- Title I District Parental Involvement Policy #918
- Title I School Parental Involvement Policy
- Title I School/Parent Compact
- Non-Public Information/Requirements
Resources

- SPAC Parent Involvement Toolkit
  - [www.SPAC.k12.pa.us](http://www.SPAC.k12.pa.us)

- PA Department of Education
  - [www.pde.state.pa.us](http://www.pde.state.pa.us)

- US Department of Education
  - [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

- ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) Passed 12/10/2015

- Title I Legislation