

Title I School/Parent Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2020

6:30 P.M. (VIRTUAL)

Welcome & Introductions

Mr. Aaron Sebelin – Principal Grs. K-2

Mrs. Melissa Volcskai – Principal Grs. 3-5

Mrs. Suzanne Cordes – Reading Teacher

Mrs. Ashley Lichtenwalner – Reading Teacher

Ms. Sarah Simon – Reading Teacher

Ms. Christina Brong – Math Teacher

Mrs. Ann Louise Hayes – Paraprofessional Gr. 5

Mrs. Linda Kasperski – Paraprofessional Gr. 3

Ms. Bonnie Helmer – Paraprofessional Gr. 4

Mrs. Kelli Carpenter – Paraprofessional Grs. K-2

Mrs. Ann Shoenberger – Paraprofessional Grs. K-2

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.

School-Wide

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

School-wide Benefits of School-wide

Flexibility

Coordination and Integration

Accountability

Unified Goals

Possible Uses of Title I Funds for District-Wide Initiatives For School-Wide Schools

Summer school courses or after school tutoring

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

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

Title I Parent Adv. Council Mtg. was held Tues., Oct. 21, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m. (Virtual) and the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m. (Virtual)

ESSA's Basic Structure

It's a State Regulated No Child Left Behind

- States choose standards and assessments, works towards goals
- Student Achievement is reported out by subgroups
- States hold schools and districts accountable for subgroup performance
- Funding flows from ED to states to districts to schools
- Maintains major formula grant funding streams (and many competitive programs too)

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

Resources

SPAC Parent Involvement Toolkit

- www.SPAC.k12.pa.us

PA Department of Education

- www.pde.state.pa.us

US Department of Education

- www.ed.gov
- ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) Passed 12/10/2015
- Title I Legislation