Parent and *Family* Engagement *Policy*

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Section 1116(b)(1), requires that each Title I, Part A school shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements of subsections (c) through (f). Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. Such policy shall be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Wessendorff Middle School agrees to implement the following:

- Wessendorff Middle School will jointly develop with parents and distribute to parents of participating children a Parental Involvement Policy on which the school and parents **agree.**
- Wessendorff Middle School will notify parents about the Parental Involvement Policy in an understandable and informative format and will distribute this policy to parents in a language the parents can understand.
- Wessendorff Middle School will make the Parental Involvement Policy available to the local community.
- Wessendorff Middle School will periodically update the Parental Involvement Policy to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.
- Wessendorff MS agrees to be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

> *Parental involvement means* the *participation of parents in regular and meaningful communication involving student academic teaming and other school activities, including ensuring-*
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> *(A) parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;*
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> *(BJ parents are encouraged to* be *actively involved in their child's education at school;*
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> *(CJ that parents are full partners in their child's education and are Included,* as *appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;*
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> *(DJ* the *carrying out of other activities, such* as *those described in section 1118 of* the *ESEA.*

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Wessendorff Middle School will Implement required school parental involvement policy components as follows:

1. Wessendorff MS will involve parents in the joint development of its Parental Involvement Policy in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner, through the annual Title 1 meeting and other meetings as needed.

2. Wessendorff Middle School will take the following actions to distribute to parents of participating children and the local community the Parental Involvement Policy:

   - *The School Parental Involvement Policy will be distributed to parents at Title I parent meeting.*
   - A *copy will be available in the front office for parents and community* members.

3. Wessendorff Middle School will periodically update its Parental Involvement Policy to meet the changing needs of parents and the school through the annual Title 1 meeting and other meetings as needed.

4. Wessendorff Middle School will convene an annual meeting to inform parents of the following:
   - *That Wessendorff Middle School participates in Title I,*
   - *The requirements of Title I*
   - *Meetings will be held at various and convenient times to encourage parents to attend. Parents will be notified about meetings through school newsletters, and the web page.*

5. Wessendorff Middle School will hold a flexible number of meetings at varying times, and childcare, and/or home visits, paid for with Title I funding as long as these services relate to parental involvement: