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**Bruce Elementary**

**Family Engagement Plan**

**2022-2023**

Bruce Elementary School has a special responsibility to our parents and the community to provide opportunities to get involved and share the responsibility of promoting success in our children. Bruce’s administrator, faculty, and staff endorse the concept that parental involvement is essential in *providing the high quality of education* for all entrusted to our care. *Our goal is to prepare parents to be knowledgeable of the skills and information needed to help their children master the TN State academic achievement standards.* We will work to ensure that our parents and community stakeholders have opportunities to participate in planning, designing, and implementing our Title I Family Engagement Plan.

Bruce Elementary School pledges to eliminate barriers to parental involvement in the following ways:

1. Develop jointly with parents a written school level Family Engagement Plan and parent-school compact detailing how parents, the school, and scholars share responsibilities.
2. Ensure that this policy is made available to the community and to all parents including parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children in a language that they can understand.
3. Involve parents and the community in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs for parental involvement, the Family Engagement Plan, and School Improvement Plan.
4. Convene Title I meetings at flexible times (AM and PM) and invite all parents to attend where the Title I program is explained.
5. Provide timely information and updates about ESSA programs, policies, and parent involvement opportunities as needed including Preschool and Title III Programs.
6. Provide regular and flexible parent trainings and “Family Nights” such as literacy, math, science and technology, to foster an understanding of the curriculum, how scholars are assessed, and how to monitor a child’s progress.
7. Provide parents the opportunity for involvement in decisions relating to the education of their children by participating on the School Leadership Council, volunteer tutoring programs, attending PTA meetings and Family Nights, completing evaluation forms, and responding to surveys.
8. Send home a monthly calendar of events to inform parents regarding upcoming events and programs, curriculum, academic assessments and proficiency levels.
9. Per parent request, opportunities for meetings, conferences, decision making and reasonable support for parental involvement should be provided.
10. Provide a parent/student handbook covering rules, policies, and procedures.
11. Ensure parents are informed in a format/language they can understand about their parent rights and Title I requirements.
12. Seek parental feedback on the School Improvement Plan, school events, and scholars’ progress using surveys, newsletters, the school’s website, and parental meetings.

Bruce Elementary will encourage parents to become meaningfully involved and promote the capacity for strong parental involvement in the following ways:

1. Encouraging them to attend school events and serve as advisors
2. Convene at least two flexibly scheduled annual meetings to explain the Title I ESSA Program
3. Provide monthly Title I updates during PTO meetings
4. Inviting them to serve on the Site-Based Decision-Making Team
5. Use their talents and resources to enhance instructional programs
6. Respond to surveys and correspondence expressing ideas and concerns
7. Inform parents of academic assessment results
8. Utilize partnerships with community organizations, adopters, and businesses
9. Participate in AT LEAST ONE school sponsored parent-teacher conference or per parent request conference
10. Provide parents and the community opportunities to participate on a committee and contribute to the decision-making process to meet the needs of the school
11. Respond to weekly progress reports, memos, surveys, and questionnaires expressing ideas and concerns
12. Ensure that your child studies at home and completes homework assignments
13. Attend and participate in conferences, workshops, and instructional activities to become more educated about the curriculum and assessments surrounding their children’s education
14. Monitor what my child watches on television at home
15. Make sure that extracurricular time is spent in positive ways

I have read the revised plan and pledge my support of Bruce Elementary School as a parent.