# JOHN P. FREEMAN OPTIONAL SCHOOL

Annual Title I Parent Meeting Wednesday, August 16, 2023 @5:30 P.M. Thursday, August 17,2023 @9:00 A. M.

## **JOHN P. FREEMAN OPTIONAL**

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#### WE ARE MONITORED ON FIVE COMPONENTS

Opportunities for All Students
Strengthening Academics
Quality Learning
Well-rounded Education
At Risk Students

### PURPOSE OF ESSA EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT

- To ensure that ALL children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunities to obtain a highly quality education.
- To promote parental involvement
- Ensure high standards

# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A TITLE I SCHOOL?

- Being a Title 1 school means receiving federal funding to supplement the school's existing programs. These funds are used for...
- Identifying students experiencing academic difficulties and providing timely assistance to help these students meet the State's challenging content standards
- Purchasing supplemental materials
- Conducting parental involvement meetings
- Recruiting, Hiring, and Retaining Highly Qualified Teachers

# **TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS**

- It is our intent to provide each student in Shelby County Schools with teachers and paraprofessionals that are highly qualified. As required by law, all teachers in Title 1 schools must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree and have demonstrated highly qualified competency in the academic subjects they teacher.
- All parents have the right to request the following:
  - A teacher's professional qualifications and licensure information
  - A paraprofessional's qualifications
  - An assurance that their child's name, address and telephone listing will not be released to military recruiters

# STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

 The Shelby County Board of Education accepts the responsibility for establishing and maintaining proper standards of discipline and behavior in the public schools. In order to maintain order and ensure an environment conducive to learning, the Board considers inappropriate behavior or conduct occurring on school property or at any school sponsored activity occurring off school property which interferes with the above to be offenses.

### **REPORTING PUPIL PROGRESS**

- Wednesday Folders- are issued to parents weekly
- Report cards are issued to parents at the end of each grading period.
- Progress Reports/Interims are issued to parents within the first grading period.

#### **POLICIES FOR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**

 At John P. Freeman Optional School, we want each child to have a successful learning experience. To achieve this goal, the parents and school have agreed on and developed our Parental Involvement Policy. This document can be viewed on the school's website.

#### PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

- John P. Freeman has implemented the parental involvement requirements of(ESSA) Every Student Succeed Act
- Components include:
  - How parents can be involved in decision making processes and activities
  - How parental involvement funds are being utilized
  - How information and training is provided to parents
  - How the school will build capacity in parents to increase and strengthen parental involvement.

# **AVAILABILITY OF PARENT TRAINING**

Training sessions for parents are held at various times throughout the school year. They are designed to assist parents in their child's education while building a collaborative school community environment.

# **SCHOOL COMPACT**

- The compact is a commitment between the school, the parent, and the student.
- We have a jointly developed plans that spell out what teachers, school staff, and parents need to do to help our students meet state education standards.

#### **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

There are two district-wide conferences; however if you need to have a conference with your child's teacher, please call the school office or email the teacher to set up an appointment.

September 7, 2023(4:00 p.m. to 7:00p.m.)

February 15, 2024 (4:00 p.m. to 7:00p.m.)

# PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

- School Improvement Plan
- School Instructional Leadership Team
- Review Family Engagement Policies
- Review School/Parent/Student Compact
- Participate in Parent Meetings, Workshop & Training Sessions (Annual Parent Meeting, Parent Curriculum Nights, Parent-Teacher Conferences, District Parent Training)
- Become a Volunteer (Classroom Assistant, Extra curricular Activities, Career Day, Morning Reading, Garden Beautification, etc.)
- Join the PTSA (monthly meetings)

# SCHEDULED PROGRAM AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Throughout the year we offer scheduled programs such as the Honors Program, Musicals, Cultural Programs, Athletic Banquet, Honor Society Programs, and more.
- We have extracurricular programs such as football, Basketball, Track, Baseball, Cheerleading, Softball, Soccer, and STEM Robotics.

## **PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW**

• All parents will receive information on the following:

- Their child's level of achievement on each of the state's academic assessments.
- A copy of the district's Family Involvement Policy and the School's Home Compact.

# **NOTICE OF TITLE I SCHOOL STATUS**

- John P. Freeman is a Title 1 School
- John P. Freeman is Not a state identified focused or priority school
- John P. Freeman is in good standing.

At John P. Freeman, we look forward to working with you and your child to make this a rewarding year.

THANK YOU