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DEAR ELEMENTARY TITLE I PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN

The staff of Dear Elementary is committed to continually pursuing strong parental involvement in all aspects of the Title I program.

Strategies for Parent Communication

All parents will be invited to attend a Title I Parent Orientation meeting at the beginning of each school year in order to:

- Inform them of the school's participation in Title I
- Explain Title I requirements
- Explain their right to be involved
- Involve them in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including the school's parent involvement plan and the joint development of the school wide plan
- Provide parents:
 - Timely information about Title I programs
 - A description and explanation of the curriculum in use
 - The forms of assessment used to measure student progress
 - Proficiency levels students are expected to meet
 - An interpretation of the school's annual performance report
- Provide other meetings, as requested by parents
- Provide a time for parent comments about the school wide plan

The Parent Orientation meetings will be offered at various days and times in order to accommodate parents. Title I funds may be used to provide transportation, child care, or phone calls in order to further provide parents the opportunity to attend.

Shared Responsibilities for High Student Achievement

The school will develop with parents a school-parent-student compact. The compact will outline how parents, the entire teaching staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improving student achievement and describe how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the Missouri Learning Standards.

Building Capacity for Involvement

To ensure involvement of parents and to support a partnership with Dear Elementary, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, the school will:

- Provide parents with help on topics such as:
 - Understanding the Missouri Learning Standards
 - Understanding assessments
 - Understanding how to monitor a child's progress
 - How to work with teachers to improve their child's achievement
- Provide parents with training and materials necessary to improve their child's achievement through family literacy nights and/or parent workshops
- Educate, with parental help, all school personnel in valuing parent contributions, communicating and working with parents as equal partners, implementing and coordinating parent programs, and building ties between home and school
- Coordinate and integrate the Title I parent involvement program and activities with other existing parent involvement programs such as Head Start, Parents as Teachers, the public preschool programs, etc.
- Encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their child by offering volunteer opportunities
- Ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents in a format and language they can understand