



Welcome to the
Title I Annual Meeting for Parents &
Families

2023 - 2024



Lebanon Road Elementary



Welcome Introductions

Why are we here?

The *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*, as amended by the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* of 2015, requires that each Title I School hold an Annual Meeting for parents/families/community members for the purpose of:

- Informing you of your school's participation in Title I services
- Explaining the requirements of Title I, Part A
- Explaining your rights as parents to be engaged

Meeting Overview

What is a Title I school and what it means to be a Title I school

- Required Set-Aside for parent and family engagement
- The CMS Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- How the annual evaluation of the CMS Parent and Family Engagement Policy is conducted
- School Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- School Improvement Plan (SIP) in NCStar
- School-Parent Compact
- How to request the qualifications of my child's teacher(s)
- How parents will be notified if my child is taught by a teacher who is not deemed to be qualified by teacher licensing standards in the North Carolina ESSA Accountability Plan

Proud Points

- Students received excellent instruction in phonics/science of reading which lead to awesome DIBELS growth
- Chronic absenteeism dropped significantly over the previous school year
- We had wonderful parent involvement in a number of activities: ESL family night, art shows, grade level concerts, EOY award ceremonies, and field day.

What is a Title I school?

Title I is the largest federally funded educational program. A Title I school is a school receiving federal funds for students. The basic principle of Title I is that schools with large concentrations of low-income students receive supplemental funds to meet students' educational goals.

What does it mean to be a Title I School?

- Being a Title I school means receiving federal funding (Title I dollars) to supplement the school's existing programs. These dollars are used for the following:
 - Identifying students experiencing academic difficulties and providing timely assistance to help students meet the state's challenging content standards.
 - Purchasing supplemental staff/programs/materials/supplies
 - Conducting parent and family engagement meetings/trainings/activities
 - Recruiting/Hiring/Retaining Highly-Qualified Teachers
- Being a Title I school also means encouraging ongoing parent and family engagement and advocating for parents' rights

How are Title I funds used in our school?

- We spend it on positions like teacher leader pathway and BMT (Behavior Modification Technician)
- Teacher Training-conferences and workshops
- Materials and supplies

What is the 1% set-aside and how are parents involved?

- Any Local Education Agency (LEA) or school district with a Title I Allocation exceeding \$500,000 is required by law to set aside 1% of the Title I allocation for parent and family engagement.
- Of that 1%, 10% may be reserved at the LEA/district level for system-wide initiatives related to parent and family engagement. The remaining 90% must be allocated to all Title I schools in the district. In CMS, each Title I school receives its portion of the 90% to implement school-level parent and family engagement activities and events
- Title I parents have the right to provide input into decisions regarding how this money is spent. This process is completed through the School Improvement Team (SIT)

Parent and Family Engagement Allocation

- How we are spending our Title I funds:
 1. Student agendas
 2. Kindergarten beginners night materials
 3. Food for some parent events

What is the CMS Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

- This policy addresses how the district or LEA will implement the parent and family engagement requirements of the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*. It includes the following:
 - The district's expectations for parents
 - How CMS will engage parents in decision-making
 - How the district will work to build the schools' and parents' capacities in the implementation of effective parent and family engagement activities to improve student academic achievement
- Parents and families in Title I schools have the right to be engaged in the review/evaluation of this annual policy

What is the School Improvement Plan/NCStar Plan?

The School Improvement Plan (SIP) is created in an online platform called NCStar and includes:

- A Comprehensive Needs Assessment
 - Goals and Strategies to Address Academic Needs of Students
 - Professional Development Needs
 - Coordination of Resources and Comprehensive Budget
 - The School's Parent and Family Engagement Goals
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- Parents of students at Title I schools have the right to be engaged in the development of this plan
 - Access the SIP on our website: <https://www.cmsk12.org/lebanonroadES>
 - User Name: guests7105
 - Password: guests7105

What is included in the School's Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

- This policy addresses how the school will implement the parent and family engagement requirements of the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*. Components include the following:
 - How parents can be engaged in decision-making and activities
 - How parent and family engagement funds are being used
 - How information and training will be provided to parents
 - How the school will build capacity in parents and staff for strong parent and family engagement
- Parents of students at Title I schools have the right to be engaged in the development of the school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy

What is the School Compact?

- The compact is a commitment from the school, the parent/family, and the student, to share in the responsibility for improved academic achievement
- Parents and families of students in Title I schools have the right to be involved in the revision/review of the School Compact

Who are the parent leaders at my school?

Family Advocate: Angel Williams

Email: angels.williams@cms.k12.nc.us

Phone: 980-343-3640

School's Title I Compliance Contact: Latoya Roberts

Email: Latoyad.roberts@cms.k12.nc.us

Phone: 980-343-3640

How can I volunteer to assist my student with school needs?

- Join or attend the School Improvement Team
- Volunteer to contact other parents/families regarding important school information:
 - Ex. – 100% Compact completion
 - Events occurring at your child's school
 - Opportunities to participate in/support school activities
- Please call Angel Williams or email angels.williams@cms.k12.nc.us to learn about volunteer opportunities.

How do I request the qualifications of my child's teachers?

- Title I parents and families have the right to request the qualifications of their child's teachers
- How are you notified of this right and what is the process for making a request?
 - You can request it from the school by email: latoyad.roberts@cms.k12.nc.us and rhiannone.riley@cms.k12.nc.us
 - Request should be completed within 30 days.

How will I be notified if my child is taught by a teacher who is not Highly-Qualified?

- Being Highly Qualified in NC means you have successfully passed the licensure exams required or received alternate licensure in a way set out by NC law.
- Parents and families are notified if teachers do not meet ESSA's requirements for Highly-Qualified
- Parents may request information on teacher qualifications in writing

Complaint Procedures

If it is a class/teacher concern reach out to teacher via ParentSquare to schedule a meeting.

If it is an issue on the bus, please email pauld.mccormick@cms.k12.nc.us

If it is a school related issue please reach out to the grade level administrator:

K, 2nd, 4th- latoyad.roberts@cms.k12.nc.us

1st, 3rd, 5th- pauld.mccormick@cms.k12.nc.us

Some Schools Have an Additional Designation

NCDPI will notify schools as to whether they have a special designation of ATSI or CSI in November, 2023. Skip this slide and the next two until notification from NCDPI.

- The Every School Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires each state to have a plan to measure student achievement annually
- The plan outlines how each state is being held accountable
- Title I schools can receive an additional designation based upon state End-of-Grade or End-of-Course assessments

Link to the North Carolina State Plan under ESSA:

Additional School Designations

- Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI)
- Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI)
- Schools with these designations remain in this status for 3 years

● Our school (is) designated as a

_____ school in the subgroup of _____.

Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI)

- North Carolina's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State Plan identifies schools for targeted support and improvement when schools have student subgroups that are underperforming
- Our school has this designation
- We have a comprehensive plan of professional development for staff

Good Things Happening Here

- As a SCHOOL, we grew from 36% of students reading on grade level at BOY to 60% of students on grade level. (We ended last year at 49%). This is an increase of 24%!
- We completed Capturing Kids Heart training during our back to school workdays and have since had a refresher lesson as this is a framework we will use to support scholars throughout this year.

Thank you for being here!

- Questions? Email latoyad.roberts@cms.k12.nc.us
or call her at school
980-343-3640.

