

Bessemer Elementary School

Title I Parent and Family Engagement (PFE) Requirements 2021-2022

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is a federal program to provide all children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps. A requirement of ESSA is that each school shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members a written plan that describes how the school will meet legislative requirements.

This document outlines how our school will meet the ESSA requirements listed below:

- Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to inform parents of the school's participation in and requirements of Title I and the parents' right to be involved;
- Offer a flexible number of meetings (morning, evening, weekend, etc.)
- Involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parent and family engagement plan and the joint development of the schoolwide program;
- Provide parents:
 - ✓ Timely information about programs;
 - ✓ A description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards;
 - ✓ If requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.
- Allow for parent comments on the schoolwide plan.

Our Plan to meet ESSA Requirements:

- **Annual meeting:** This will happen at the Open House (TBA)
- **Flexible meetings:** Individual student conferences will be scheduled with each family at a time and date convenient to them at the end of 1st and 2nd quarters. Parent meetings will also be scheduled upon request throughout the year.
- **Involve parents in the development of PFE plan and the Title I program:** Bessemer's Parent Advisory Council will communicate in person and via electronic means to coordinate the development and implementation of the PFE plan and Title I program.
- **Provide Information to parents:** Staff will respond to parent inquiries within 24 to 48 hours, send weekly school-wide updates by phone, provide periodic progress updates, maintain up-to-date webpages, monthly grade-level newsletters, Class Dojo announcements, on our FaceBook page and we will inform parents of opportunities available to engage in personal growth.
- **Allow for comments on plans:** The Parent Advisory Council will offer and solicit comments and feedback on plans.