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 Barton Elementary School (Barton School District)
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School Parent and Family Engagement Plan

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School Name:	Barton Elementary School
Facilitator Name:	Cuarlstine Thomas, Parent Coordinator
Plan Review/Revision Date:	4/27/2021
District Level Reviewer, Title:	Tammie Moore, Federal Programs Coordinator
District Level Approval Date:	4/27/2021

Committee Members, Role:

(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)

First Name	Last Name	Position
Cuarlstine	Thomas	Parent Coordinator
Tammie	Moore	Federal Programs Coordinator
Deborah	Bland	Grandparent
Bernie	Winkel	Elementary Principal
Sherry	House	Elementary Parent Facilitator
Avis	Donahoo	Parent

Committee Members, Role:

(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)

First Name	Last Name	Position
Jannie	Lamar	Parent
Jennifer	Gibbs	Art Teacher
Minnie	Thomas	Parent
Wyatt	Donahoo	Parent
Zaria	Sumler	Community Member
Kim	Williams	Elementary Counselor

Committee Members, Role:

(Select "Repeat" to open more entry fields to add additional team members)

First Name	Last Name	Position
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Stacy	Hardy	Parent/Technology Coordinator
Emma	Lucas	Community Member
Chandler	Hensley	Elementary Student
Jaden	Palmer	Elementary Student

1: Jointly Developed

(Describe/List how parents will be involved in the development of the school parent and family engagement plan and how parents will be involved in the planning, review, and improvement of parent and family engagement programs.)

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

Barton Elementary School coordinates and integrates parental engagement programs and activities with the Parent and Family Engagement Advisory Committee, which is made up of parents, students, teachers, community members, and administrators.

Our Parent and Family Engagement Policy is collaboratively reviewed and updated annually. An update was done on April 27, 2021. Monthly sessions allow team members to invite and collaborate with administrative staff, community businesses, agencies, and individuals. Sessions create opportunities for open communication between all stakeholders. The committee is able to identify and integrate community resources with school-related and curricular activities.

Our Parent and Family Engagement Policy goal is to invite and encourage more parents, students, and community members to attend meetings in order to create a more diverse group of committee members. Through the district's telecommunication system and school media, parents and community members are encouraged to attend parent sessions. We want all parents to feel welcome, not just those on the advisory committee. This will enhance home-school and community partnerships that are critical to our students' academic success.

Barton Elementary District's updated Parent Engagement Summary for our 2021-2022 school year is posted on our website. Parents and guardians will review and sign an updated Parent and Family engagement Policy/Plan Summary during Open House, August 12, 2021. BSD also submits the Parent Engagement Summary as an addendum to the student handbook. A parent who find any portion of the Family Engagement Policy/Plan unsatisfactory, comments and suggestions may be forwarded to the District's Parent Coordinator for a scheduled committee review.

To take advantage of community resources, the school staff attempts to recruit alumni from the school to create an Alumni Advisory Team to provide advice and guidance for school improvement.

Barton Elementary School uses strategies, other programs, and collaborative efforts to enhance home-school and community partnerships that are critical to students' academic success.

Parental Engagement Facilitator is Sherry House. She is selected annually by the principal at the school.

2: Annual Title I Meeting

(Describe/List when (provide the month/year or month/day/year) the school will hold the Annual Title I meeting to inform parents of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation as well as the parents' rights to be involved. The Annual Title I meeting should not be used to ask for parent input, but provided as an opportunity to disseminate information and distribute copies of the revised parent and family engagement policy.)

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

The annual report to the public meeting and other scheduled meetings provide parents and families the opportunity to be involved in decisions regarding how title 1 funds are allocated.

Barton Elementary School conducts an (Annual Title 1 Public Meeting) for the community and all stake holders. An annual report is made regarding the allocation of Title 1 funds and curricular services. Information to parents and stake holders in the district reflects the use of allocated funds and the facilitation of students' services.

Barton Elementary regards parent and family engagement as a high priority. The Title 1 meeting also informs parents and stake holders about the equitable distribution of Title 1 funds.

The Parent Family Engagement Committee review policy and expenditures yearly to ensure funding is consistent with Parent Family Engagement policy. During our annual Title 1 Night, principals and the Title 1 Coordinator share school data and the school improvement plan with parents.

LEA Title 1 Coordinator, Tammi Moore, Barton School District's Parent Coordinator, Cuarlstine Thomas are responsible for monitoring the Parent, and Family Engagement Policy/Plan. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy/Plan is reviewed and updated annually.

Barton Elementary will conduct an Annual Title I meeting for parents of the students who participate in the Title I, Part A Program and stake holders in September 2021, (Date TBA) at 5:30 p.m. Tammie Moore and Cuarlstine Thomas will provide information to all parents and stake holders in attendance.

The Annual Title I meeting informs parents of the requirements of Title I as well as the parents' rights to know and be involved. The Title I meeting will also provide an opportunity to disseminate information, and distribute copies of the revised parent and family engagement policy.

3: Communications

(Describe/List how the parent and family engagement policy will be distributed to parents and how the school is going to communicate with parents including information about how the school will provide information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities to parents in a format, to the extent practicable, and in a language that parents can understand.)

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

The Barton Elementary School communicates with families about programs and strategies to improve the ability of families to work effectively with their child, teacher, and staff.

The Parent and Family Engagement Committee promotes opportunities for two-way communication. The district reaches out to families annually seeking input through annual family surveys.

Barton Elementary shares student data in ways that are accessible to parents and families, through digital means as well as quarterly progress report cards. Also, the district maintains two-way communication through the use of email, phone calls, letters, open office hours, and social media.

The Parent and Family Engagement Policies are distributed and/or accessible to all stake holders: parents, school board members, administrators, staff, and Parents' Advisory Committee members. The Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator and Facilitators have a shared Google Drive. Parents and Family Engagement Policy, Parent-Student-School Compact, and a parent friendly Parent Family Engagement Plan/ Policy Summary, have a link on our school's web- site. Technological communication facilitates a system for parents and all stake holders to access our policy information.

Parents can access their child's grades using a student access code. Teachers disseminate access codes at the beginning of the school year. Parents may use e-mail to communicate with members of the school staff, and can call the school to schedule a conference. Teachers will contact parents on an individual basis to communicate about their child's progress. The school provides progress reports to parent. Report cards are provided to parents every

nine weeks with information regarding their child's academic progress, upcoming classroom and school events.

All school personnel can be reached at (870)572-7294 during normal school hours. Technological communication facilitates a system of support for all parents. The system facilitates the process required in the translation and acquisition of English. The school uses the student handbook, school website, Facebook page, School Marque, School Status, and School Cast system to communicate with parents and the community.

4: School-Parent Compact

(Describe/List the process the schools will follow to jointly develop with parents a school-parent compact.)

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

Barton Elementary School jointly develop with parents, staff, and students a School-Parent-Student Compact. The compact outlines how parents, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement. Also, Compacts reflect the means by which the school and parents build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high academic standards. The student, parent, teacher, and principal will sign the compact. The compact is reviewed and updated each year.

5: Reservation of Funds

(If the district receives more than \$500,000 in Title I allocation, then it must reserve 1 percent for parent and family engagement activities. A minimum of 90% of that 1% must go to the schools, with priority given to high-need schools. If the school is allocated a percentage of the 1 percent, describe/list how the school will share with parents the budget for parent and family engagement activities and programs and how parents will be involved in providing input into how the funds are used.)

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

NA

6: Coordination of Services

(Describe/List how the district and/or school will coordinate with other organizations, businesses, and community partners to provide additional supports and resources to families.)

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

Barton Elementary coordinate with other organizations, businesses, and community partners to provide support and resources to families. This ensures the coordination of services. The Parent and Family Engagement Committee have partnered with Great Rivers Educational Cooperative, Delta Cultural Center, Phillips County Cooperative Service, Helena Health Foundation, Delta AHEC- UAMS East, AR Department of Workforce/ Helena Office, Lee County Cooperative Clinic, Mid- South Health Systems, Phillips County Community College, and other individuals and community agencies as a resource for professional development and technical training for faculty and staff. These community partnerships ensure faculty members have coordination of services and receive required minimum PD.

Also weekly Public Learning Communities (PLC'S), educate our staff on a weekly basic. Documentation is kept through agendas, sign-in-sheets, and other presentation documents.

The district hosts Cooperative-Area-School-District parent and family engagement meetings. District meetings

provide collaborative opportunities for other districts to focus on successful parent engagement practices and focus on areas of concern. These district sessions enhance the implementation of effective parent and family engagement practices in the Cooperative-Area-School-Districts. Collaborative strategies are integrated in our Parent Family Engagement Policy/Plan.

7: Building Capacity of Parents

(Describe/List activities, such as workshops, conferences, classes, online resources, Academic Parent-Teacher Team meetings, and any equipment or other materials that may be necessary to support parents in helping their student's academic success.)

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

Barton Elementary supports parents in helping their student achieve academic success. The Parent Center has equipment, and other materials necessary to support families in helping their student to become academically successful. The Parent Center has many resources and materials available to parents. Faculty and staff members are highly encouraged to visit the Parent Center.

Barton Elementary School assists parents by providing them access to our Parent Center which is equipped with computers and many home and school resource materials. Parent Center resources will ensure that parents receive help in making sure that their child has academic success. The Parent Center is opened two days a week and other days as requested.

Parents may visit our Parent Center, use or check out educational materials, use the computer to check grades, and visit educational websites. The Barton Parent Center will be open 8:00 am-3:00 pm Mondays and Wednesdays. The school will provide a link on the school's website to the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, survey for volunteer interests, and the school's compact with recommended roles for parents/teachers/students and school.

Resource material will be available in the Parent Center with suggestions of ways parents can become involved in their child's education. Parents and teachers will communicate through the use of (notes, phone calls, e-mail, etc.). Cuarlstine Thomas will make these materials available in the Parent Center. During Parent-Teacher conferences, information from the center will be made available to the parents. Mrs. Thomas will be responsible for setting up this informational table.

The parent coordinator, Cuarlstine Thomas, can be contacted at 870-714-9927 during normal school hours. Barton Elementary School will promote and support responsible parenting. The school shall as funds are available, purchase parenting books, magazines, and other informative materials regarding responsible parenting for the parent center. Barton Elementary School will include in the school's policy handbook, the school's process for resolving parental concerns, including how to define a problem, whom to approach first, and how to develop solutions. The principal shall designate one certified staff member who is willing to serve as a parent facilitator. (Bernie Winkel)

8: Building Capacity of School Staff

(Describe/List activities such as workshops, conferences, trainings, webinars, online resources, and Academic Parent-Teacher Team meetings that will be used with school staff to build their capacity to work with parents as equal partners. Describe/List methods of parents' assistance for building staff capacity. Describe/List actions the school will take to provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities.)

Does the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan describe how the school will accomplish each of the required components?

Barton Elementary School ensures building capacity of school staff. Workshops, conferences, webinars, online resources, and parent-teacher team meetings provide opportunities to ensure professional development requirements are met. The Parent and Family Engagement Committee have partnered with community agencies and other individuals as a resource for professional development and technical training for faculty and staff. These community partnerships ensure faculty members receive required minimum PD. Scheduled Public Learning Communities (PLC'S), educate our staff. District meetings provide collaborative opportunities to enhance the implementation of effective parent and family engagement practices.

Our Title 1 Federal Coordinator, Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator, and Parent and Family Engagement Committee members attend Parent and Family Engagement Workshops and Conferences. Arkansas (IDEAS) on-line assessments and Commissioner's memos also, provide support and technical training for faculty and staff.

The district ensures that the minimum professional development requirements are met for teachers and administrators at the beginning of the school year, as well as throughout the year. Documentation is noted in staff's Shoe-Box accounts through (GREC).

9: Building Capacity - Discretionary

(The school parent and family engagement policy/plan may include additional sections describing other discretionary activities that the school, in meaningful consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build capacity.)

Did the School and Parents choose to include any Discretionary (Optional) Components in the School Parent and Family Engagement Plan?

Barton Elementary School maintains an ongoing plan to assist in facilitating a collaborative bond with parents and community, this plan includes academic related support to parents. Preschool and college prep/career readiness information is provided to parents. Technology resources and school supplies are distributed in students' backpacks. Local food bank resources, are facilitated to support parents through local food bank information. Support is facilitated to parents through the Parent Center, and the ABC Preschool Program. Support to families include health related Community support from Delta AHEC, Lee County Cooperative Clinic, and Phillips County Health Unit. Barton Elementary and community partnerships provide ongoing parent support for student success.

Barton Elementary School Alumni Advisory Members are encouraged to utilize community resources, provide advice and guidance for school improvement.

The Parent and Family Engagement Committee foster parental and community engagement within the school, and in the community

Barton Elementary School will coordinate and integrate Parent and Family Engagement strategies with other curricular and extracurricular programs to enhance home-school and community partnerships.

Barton Elementary uses the results of the Annual Parent Interest Survey to plan ongoing Parent and Family Engagement activities for the year. Activities that are suggested by the parents will be reviewed and used as part of the annual Parent and Family Engagement Plan evaluation.

(Find complete guidance on the DESE Parent and Family Engagement Requirements webpage.)

District Feedback

- ☐ Attention: Changes Needed!
- ☒ In Compliance
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