# Beulah Elementary School Parent and Family Engagement Plan for Shared Student Success 2023 - 2024 School Year



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#### What is Title I?

Beulah Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parent involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop, with all parents, a written parent involvement policy.

## **School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

**What is it?** This is a plan that describes how Beulah Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Beulah Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Beulah Elementary will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

**How is it developed?** Beulah Elementary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement.

**Who is it for?** All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Beulah Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of families with limited English, families with disabilities and families of migratory children.

**Where is it available?** In October, the plan is sent home with all students. We will post it in our web page. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.



## 2023-2024 District Goals

The percentage of students scoring at Proficient or Distinguished Learner on the Georgia Milestones (GMAS) English Language Arts and Math End of Grade Assessments will increase by six percentage points.

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The percentage of students scoring at the Proficient or Distinguished level on the STAR Reading and Math will increase by six percentage points.

## **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, Beulah Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the end-of-the-year Parent Advisory Council meeting. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

#### Let's Get Together!

Beulah Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, families, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Please mark on your calendar for the following events:

# 2023-2024 Parent & Family Engagement Calendar

August 17th @ 6:00 pm (In-person) Curriculum & Grade Expectations/ Homework Help

August 24th @ 6:00 pm (In-person) New Math Standards

**September 11th @ 9:00 am (Virtual)** Annual Title I Meeting

**September 11th @ 6:00 pm (In-Person)** Annual Title I Meeting

September 18th @ 7:00 pm (Virtual) Safety & Discipline Meeting

**September 22nd @ TBD (In-Person)** Hispanic Heritage Festival

October 4th @ 6:00 pm (In-person) Parent Advisory Council Meeting

January 24th @ 6:00 pm (In-person) Math Night

January 30th @ 9:00 am (Virtual) Parent Advisory Council Meeting

February TBD @ 6:00 pm (In-person) Black History Celebration

March 4th @ 8:30-10:30 am (In-Person) Reading Night

May 7th @ 6:00 pm (In-Person) Parent Advisory Council Meeting

May 9th @ 6:30 pm (In-Person) STEM Night

**May TBD @ TBD (In-Person/Virtual)** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation

May TBD @ TBD (In-Person/Virtual) Kinder Orientation

\*These times and dates are subject to change. \*

\*Format of workshops (in-person or virtual) is subject to change\*

## **Parent and Family Engagement**

Beulah Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring –

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child;
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

Beulah Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the family activities listed in this plan. Please call if you have any questions regarding our programs.

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## **Beulah Elementary is Buzzing!**

Beulah Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support families as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will –

#### Communication

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, and distributed through school messenger and posted on the school website.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Partner with area daycare centers, Pre-K programs and Head Start to share school information about family engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ✓ In cases where the students reside in a Neglected and Delinquent residential facility, a representative from that facility can serve as a proxy for the parent(s).

## **Training & Resources**

- ✓ Conduct staff development each quarter on parent involvement practices and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with our families.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.

#### <u>Partners</u>

- ✓ Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parent involvement plan and activities.
- ✓ Listen and respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.



Student Achievement



# Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Beulah Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTO Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community. These standards are –

- 1. Welcoming All Families
- 2. Communicating Effectively
- 3. Supporting Student Success
- 4. Speaking Up for Every Child
- 5. Sharing Power
- 6. Collaborating with Community

## **Parent Advisory Council**

Beulah Elementary invites all parents to join the Parent Advisory Council to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet three times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the Parent Advisory Council, please scan the QR code to complete the interest form.

#### **Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**

Beulah wants you! Are you interested in joining Beulah's Parent Advisory Council? Everyone (not just parents) is welcome to join us. Scan the QR code and fill out the interest form.

#### INTEREST FORM:





## **Share Your Thoughts**

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments.

