

## **Wilde Elementary Parent Involvement Plan**

### **Elementary School Mission Statement**

Wilde Elementary believes that our children are our most precious resource. Through the combined efforts of parents, school, and community we will develop our children as lifelong learners, problem solvers, and thinkers by recognizing their individual and unique learning styles.

Wilde Elementary is an environment that is safe, supportive and motivating. It affirms individuality and nurtures the feelings of self-worth, and self-esteem within each child. It is a community that fosters responsibility and feelings of belonging. It embraces diversity and promotes citizenship and resourcefulness. Parents and staff work collaboratively to ensure that every child will thrive because each is valued and encouraged to develop without limits.

### **Parent Involvement Policy Key Elements**

- 1. Wilde Elementary will have a written parent involvement policy that is distributed to parents of children participating in the Title 1 program.**

Wilde Elementary will include parents in developing, implementing, evaluating and revising the Parent Involvement Policy. The district-wide Parent Involvement Policy, the Wilde Elementary Parent Involvement Policy, and the Title 1 Parent/Student/Teacher Compact will be distributed to parents for review at the *Meet the Teacher* night, Title 1 parent meetings, Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) meetings, and parent/teacher conferences. Wilde Elementary will provide parents with a copy of the Parent Involvement Policy in the Student Handbook, the September newsletter, and at Curriculum Night. Written and oral input from parents will be solicited through Title 1 parent meetings, Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) meetings, parent/teacher conferences, surveys, Wilde Elementary newsletters, the Wilde Elementary school web site, and other regular written communications with parents. Wilde Elementary School will periodically evaluate and update its Parent Involvement Policy to meet the changing needs of parents.

- 2. Wilde Elementary will include parents in the planning and implementing of activities to involve parents in their children's learning.**

Wilde Elementary believes that parents play an integral role in assisting student learning. Parents are welcome in the school and their support and assistance are sought. Wilde Elementary will include parents in the planning and implementing of activities by

providing monthly PTO meetings, activities offered at various times of the day, classroom volunteers, and volunteers for various school committees.

**3. Wilde Elementary will assist parents in monitoring their children's academic progress.**

Wilde Elementary knows the great importance of school-to-home and home-to-school communications. Wilde Elementary will assist parents in monitoring their children's academic progress by providing parents with a description and explanation of the curriculum used school-wide and within the classroom, the forms of academic assessments used to measure student progress, the proficiency levels students are expected to meet, the requirements of Title I, and will provide parents with grade-level materials and training to help parents support their children's learning at home. This will be achieved during the *Meet the Teacher/Curriculum* night, Title I parent meetings, parent/teacher conferences, Family Night, and other activities sponsored by Wilde Elementary throughout the year. Wilde Elementary will provide language translators, to the extent practical, to assist families as needed. Wilde Elementary will provide a regular schedule of newsletters, phone calls, and other useful notices.

**4. Wilde Elementary will provide parents with appropriate materials and training enabling them to support their children's academic progress.**

Wilde Elementary, along with the school district, will provide parents with materials and training that will support their children's academic progress. Parents will be provided information on Michigan's academic content standards, state and local assessments including alternative assessments, the requirements of Title I, how to monitor their children's progress, and how to work cooperatively with educators. Parents will receive training and materials through school-sponsored and/or district-sponsored trainings and workshops, Grade Level Content Expectations booklets, and a list of web sites. Wilde Elementary will provide information to parents on homework policies and to monitor and discuss schoolwork at home.

**5. Wilde Elementary will offer professional development for staff in how to work with parents as partners.**

Wilde Elementary, along with the school district, will offer professional development for staff in how to work with parents as partners. Staff will receive training through school sponsored trainings and workshops, district sponsored trainings and workshop, and workshops offered through the local intermediate school district.

**6. Wilde Elementary will coordinate with early childhood programs to encourage early and sustained involvement of parents in their children's education.**

Wilde Elementary will coordinate with the *Cub Care* program and the nursery/preschool program offered at Wilde Elementary to encourage early and sustained involvement of

parents in their children's education. Wilde Elementary will encourage these parents to attend the *Meet the Teacher* night, Title 1 parent meetings, Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) meetings, and parent/teacher conferences. The district-wide Parent Involvement Policy, the Wilde Elementary Parent Involvement Policy, and the Title 1 Parent/Student/Teacher Compact will be distributed to these parents for review at the *Meet the Teacher* night, Title 1 parent meetings, Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) meetings, and parent/teacher conferences. Wilde Elementary will provide parents a copy of the Parent Involvement Policy in the Student Handbook, the September newsletter, and at *Curriculum Night*.

**7. Wilde Elementary will ensure that all information related to school and parental activities is in a language that all parents can understand.**

Wilde Elementary School will notify parents about the Parent Involvement Policy in an understandable and uniform format, and to the extent practical, will distribute this policy to parents in a language the parents can understand. The school district offers services to translate materials in a language that the parent can understand. The school district also offers phone translations and language translators at parent meetings.

**8. Wilde Elementary will hold an annual evaluation of the parental involvement policy, including programs/activities and identify barriers to greater participation by all parents.**

Wilde Elementary will include parents in an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Parent Involvement Policy in improving the academic quality of Wilde Elementary. This evaluation shall include Wilde Elementary's responsibility to provide high quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment and the parents' responsibility for supporting their child's learning. Wilde Elementary will use the results of the evaluation to revise the Parent Involvement Policy, if necessary, and to develop strategies to improve effective parent involvement.

**9. Wilde Elementary will hold an annual meeting to inform parents of their school's participation in the Title I and their right to be involved.**

Wilde Elementary will hold a Title I meeting in the Fall and Spring to inform parents of the school's participation in the Title I, the requirements of Title I, and the parents' right to be involved. These meetings will be held at various times to encourage parents to attend. Parents will be notified about meetings through school memos, newsletters, the school web page, and the automated phone system. Wilde Elementary School will provide information about Title 1 programs to parents of participating children in a timely manner through the automated phone system, memos, newsletters, and the school web page.

**10. Wilde Elementary will hold shared responsibility for high student achievement, including parent-teacher conferences at least annually.**

Wilde Elementary School will share the responsibility for high student achievement with parents by holding parent-teacher conferences twice per school year and encouraging all parents to attend. Wilde Elementary will encourage strong parental involvement and support a partnership between the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement by offering parent training, school-based activities, and other resources such as district and school web sites.

**11. Wilde Elementary will offer additional support for parents.**

Wilde Elementary will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as requested by parents. Wilde Elementary will provide resources to the parents of our students who are English Language Learners (ELL) so that they are able to be involved in their children's education. We will follow the district Limited Proficient Plan in assisting the district in identifying any ELL students, and will coordinate with various agencies to assist parents of ELL students. Wilde Elementary will provide parents with information on community events linked to learning skills and talents, including summer programs for students.