

# **PARENT INVOLVEMENT PLAN**

## **Siersma Elementary School**

**2009/2010**

### **Vision Statement**

The fundamental purpose of Siersma Elementary School is to provide a safe, respectful learning environment in which students become productive students.

### **Mission Statement**

The Siersma School Community is dedicated to providing positive learning experiences that meet the academic and emotional needs of each child. We are committed to providing a caring, clean and safe environment. We strive to empower children to become responsible citizens and lifelong learners.

### **Purpose**

In support of the Siersma Mission Statement, please review the current Parent Involvement Plan. We encourage your support and input to become an active participant in your child's education this year. Thank you for working collaboratively with the Siersma staff and community to make 2009/2010 school year the most successful year.

If you have any questions, please call our school (586-574-3174).

Parent Involvement means the participation of parents in a regular two-way and meaningful communication for student academic learning.

- That parents play an active integral role in assisting their child's learning
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision making and an advisory to assist in the education of their child.

Siersma Elementary will foster and encourage the school's and parents' capacity for a strong community contribution. This will ensure effective involvement of parents and support a partnership between the school, parents and the community to improve student academic achievement.

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### **I. Becoming informed and knowledgeable about the curricular, parent/student support programs available:**

- Curriculum night
- Monthly School Newsletters
- PTO Meetings
- Parent Handbook
- Siersma Home Website

### **II. Create a supportive environment for learning in our homes by:**

- Expecting achievement and offer encouragement
- Checking backpacks regularly
- Providing Quiet time and a place to study
- Sign agenda/review work from school regularly
- Model
- Family reading time
- Limiting television and/or video/on-line/texting
- Trips to the library
- Make connections between real life experiences and school work

### **III. Become actively involved in the life of the school by:**

- Attending school programs
- Attending classroom activities/field trips
- Volunteer in the classroom/school
- Participate in parent enrichment programs
- Engage in annual parent input meetings
- Participate in after school programs (Ie: PTO, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts)

### **IV. Engage in open and timely communication with the school by:**

- Responding to the school's feedback about our children's academic progress & behavior
- Advising school personnel of any special circumstances or needs of our children
- Being proactive in asking questions, expressing concerns, and seeking information appropriate
- Make use of forms of communication
- Provide notice and information under the "Parent Right To Know" requirements to all parents, in Title 1 Schools, in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practicable in a language parents can understand.

### **V. Help our children become responsible, self-reliant members of the school community by:**

- Expect and model self discipline
- Expect students to take responsibility for their learning and their actions
- Commit children to following the school rules
- Demonstrate respect, consideration, and cooperation when dealing with others and expect our children to do the same

### **VI. Promote healthy lifestyles by:**

- Making sure children rest...ie establish a regular bedtime to ensure enough rest
- Making sure children have a good nutritious breakfast before coming to school
- Make sure children are dressed appropriately for the weather

### **VII. Provide outreach to parents of Limited English Proficiency students so they can be involved their child's education by:**

- Follow the district LEP plan and identify any LEP student
- Coordinate with various agencies to assist parents of LEP students
- Provide pertinent school information in the parents' native language