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Title I: Parental Involvement Policy: 2415.04

Dear Parent/Guardians,

A school district that receives Title I funds must implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in programs assisted by Title I funding. The district will reserve not less than one percent of its allocation under Subpart 2 to carry out these requirements, which shall include promoting family literacy and parenting skills. Parents of pupils receiving Title I services shall be involved in the decisions regarding how funds will be allotted for parental involvement activities. The district is not required to reserve at least one percent of its allocation under Subpart 2 if the one percent of the district's allocation is five thousand dollars or less.

In accordance with Title I requirements, the Washington Borough School District will:

1. Convene meetings beginning in September of each new school year in which all parents of participating children shall be invited.
2. Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of programs including updates of the parental involvement policy.
3. Provide parents with information regarding programs associated with NCLB, curriculum information, and academic assessments.
4. Develop a partnership with parents to share the responsibility for high student academic achievement.
5. Address the importance of communication between teachers and parents during fall and spring parent-teacher conferences, Open House activities, and progress reports and quarterly report cards. Parents will be given reasonable access to staff and opportunities throughout the school year to volunteer in classrooms and observe classroom activities.
6. Provide assistance to parents in gaining an understanding of New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, and state and local academic assessments.
7. Provide necessary materials and training to parents to improve student achievement.
8. Utilize all available resources to inform parents of up-coming events within the school district and the community.
9. Provide all Board of Education Policy information to parents as needed.
10. Coordinate and integrate community members and agencies in developing parent involvement policy updates.

In carrying out the parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the district shall provide opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, to include providing information and school reports required in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language such parents understand. The district will inform parents of any parental information and resource centers that provide training, information, and support to parents and individuals who work with local parents, school districts, and schools receiving Title I funds.

I encourage you to support your child's education and communication with your child's teacher(s) and school officials on a regular basis. For more information on NCLB and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education website www.ed.gov/nclb. By partnering, families and educators can provide your child with the best education possible.

Very truly yours,

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