

TROPICAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Title I, Part A Parental Involvement Plan

I, Viviana Bouza Debs , do hereby certify that all facts, figures, and representations made in this application are true, correct, and consistent with the statement of assurances for these waivers. Furthermore, all applicable statutes, regulations, and procedures; administrative and programmatic requirements; and procedures for fiscal control and maintenance of records will be implemented to ensure proper accountability for the expenditure of funds on this project. All records necessary to substantiate these requirements will be available for review by appropriate state and federal staff. I further certify that all expenditures will be obligated on or after the effective date and prior to the termination date of the project. Disbursements will be reported only as appropriate to this project, and will not be used for matching funds on this or any special project, where prohibited.

Assurances

- The school will be governed by the statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with the definition outlined in Section 9101(32), ESEA;
- Involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A in decisions about how Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement are spent [Section 1118(b)(1) and (c)(3)];
- Jointly develop/revise with parents the school parental involvement policy and distribute it to parents of participating children and make available the parental involvement plan to the local community [Section 1118 (b)(1)];
- Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under this part, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parental involvement policy and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan under section 1114(b)(2) [Section 1118(c)(3)];
- Use the findings of the parental involvement policy review to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary, the school's parental involvement policy [Section 1118(a)(E)];
- If the plan for Title I, Part A, developed under Section 1112, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will submit parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to the local educational agency [Section 1118(b)(4)];
- Provide to each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the state assessment in at least mathematics, language arts, and reading [Section 1111(h)(6)(B)(i)];
- Provide each parent timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified within the meaning of the term in 34 CFR Section 200.56 [Section 1111(h)(6)(B)(ii)]; and
- Provide each parent timely notice information regarding their right to request information on the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals [Section (h)(6)(A)].

Signature of Principal or Designee

Date Signed

Mission Statement

Parental Involvement Mission Statement (Optional)

Response: Parents at Tropical Elementary are committed to participating in Tropical's parental involvement objectives to help their child(ren) meet high standards and make academic gains.

Review Rubric:

Mission statements are written concisely, free of jargon, and parent-friendly and inspire stakeholders to be involved and supportive of the program. Strong mission statements include:

- Explanation of the purpose of the parental involvement program;

- Description of what will be done; and
- Description of the beliefs or value of the LEA.

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Involvement of Parents

Describe how the school will involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner, in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs including involvement in the decisions regarding how funds for parental involvement will be used [Sections 1118(c)(3), 1114(b)(2), and 1118(a)(2)(B)].

Response: Tropical will inform parents of Title I programs and involve them in how funds will be utilized through PTA meetings, Title I meetings, and through various activities planned for the 2016-2017 school year designed specifically for parental involvement. At the annual Title I meeting parents will contribute in the areas of attendance goals and strategies. Additionally, information regarding the availability of online programs and information for parents available through MDCPS website will be shared.

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Strong responses include:

- Identification of the group responsible for the development, implementation and evaluation of the plans;
- Description of the procedures for selecting members of the group;
- Explanation of how the input from parents will be documented; and
- Description of the process and involvement of parents in the development of required plans; and
- Information on how the school will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under section 1118 as parents may request [Section 1118(e)(14)].

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Coordination and Integration

Describe how the school will coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities that teach parents how to help their children at home, to the extent feasible and appropriate, including but not limited to, other federal programs such as: Head Start, Early Reading First, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, public preschool, Title I, Part C, Title II, Title III, Title IV, and Title VI [Section 1118(e)(4)].

count	Program	Coordination
1	Head Start	Program will be implemented for the 2016-2017 school year through Miami Dade County Public Schools
2	Goodies with Grandparents/Donuts with Dad/Muffins with Mom	Teachers will coordinate and schedule reading activities with family members and students
3	Transition to Kindergarten	School CIS, together with PK Grade Level Chairperson, will conduct two workshop for parents (bilingual) to help parents understand transition to kindergarten process

4	Parent Recognition Day	Parent volunteers and PTA members will be recognized for their contributions of time to our school
5	PK - SPED	PK Grade Level Chairperson will coordinate and schedule with PK SPED Department of MDCPS to provide parent workshops dealing with parenting skills, behavior management, etc.

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Strong responses include:

- Identification of the specific federal programs; and
- Description of how the programs will be coordinated.

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Annual Parent Meeting

Describe the specific steps the school will take to conduct an annual meeting designed to inform parents of participating children about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program (schoolwide or targeted assistance), Adequately Yearly Progress, school choice, supplemental educational services, and the rights of parents. Include timeline, persons responsible, and evidence the school will use to demonstrate the effectiveness of the activity [Section 1118(c)(1)].

count	Activity/Tasks	Person Responsible	Timeline	Evidence of Effectiveness
1	Connect Ed message	Principal	August 2016	Parent participation
2	Flyers sent home	Principal/Teachers	September 2016	Parent participation
3	Parent Informational Meeting/PTA	Principal/PTA	September 2016	Sign in documentation

Review Rubric:

Strong responses include:

- Identification of specific activities or tasks;
- Identification of the person(s) responsible for completing the task;
- Reasonable and realistic timelines; and
- Description of the evidence the school will use to demonstrate the effectiveness and/or completion of the activity/task.

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Flexible Parent Meetings

Describe how the school will offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide with Title I funds, transportation, child care, or home visits, as such services related to parental involvement [Section 1118(c)(2)].

Response: School will provide flexible meetings by scheduling them at various times. FDLRS-South Parent Services will present meetings once a month, at 9:00 a.m. or after school. PTA will schedule meetings in the evenings, at 6:00 pm., once every nine weeks. Parental workshops will be implemented by school administrators and/or teachers.

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Strong responses include:

- Description of the process the school will use to ensure that workshops/meetings are offered at a flexible times; and
- Specific examples of the flexible schedule offered to parents.

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Building Capacity

Describe how the school will implement activities that will build the capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement [Section 1118(e)]. Describe the actions the school will take to provide materials and training to help parents work with their child to improve their child’s academic achievement [Section 1118(e)(2)]. Include information on how the school will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under Section 1118 as parents may request [Section 1118(e)(14)].

count	Content and Type of Activity	Person Responsible	Anticipated Impact on Student Achievement	Timeline	Evidence of Effectiveness
1	Read For the Record	PK, K, 1st Teachers	Building reading skills	October 2016	Parent participation
2	Math/Workshop	Math Liaison/teachers	Increased student achievement	January 2017	Increased student achievement
3	Science Night	Assistant Principal / Science Liaison	Increased student achievement	February 2017	Increased student achievement

Review Rubric:

Strong responses include:

- Description of the content and type of activity including the following:
 - o The state’s academic content standards and state student academic achievement standards, State and local assessments including alternative assessments, Parental involvement requirements of Section 1118, and How to monitor their child’s progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their child;
- Identification of the person(s) responsible;
- Correlation to student academic achievement;
- Reasonable and realistic timelines; and
- Description of the evidence the LEA will use to demonstrate the effectiveness and/or completion of the activity/task

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Staff Training

Describe the professional development activities the school will provide to educate the teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and other staff in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and schools [Section 1118(e)(3)].

count	Content and Type of Activity	Person Responsible	Anticipated Impact on Student Achievement	Timeline	Evidence of Effectiveness
1	Title I Compact	Principal/CIS	Increase student achievement	September 2016	Participation by parents and teachers
2	iAttend	Counselor	Increase in student attendance	June 2017	Increased student attendance
3	Annual Community Engagement Conference	Counselor / Principal	Increase in parental involvement	June 2017	Increased parent involvement
4	Implementation of Rigor	Principal	Increase student achievement	June 2017	Increased student achievement
5	Values Matter Miami	Counselor	Increase in model student behavior	June 2017	Increased community relations

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- Content and type of activity including the following: Value following:
 - Valuing of parental involvement,
 - Communicating and working with parents,
 - Implementation and coordination of parental involvement program,
 - Building ties between home and school,; and
 - Cultural sensitivity;
- Identification of person(s) responsible;
- Correlation to student academic achievement;
- Reasonable and realistic timelines; and
- Description of the evidence the LEA will use to demonstrate the effectiveness and/or completion of the activity/task.

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Other Activities

Describe the other activities, such as parent resource centers, the school will conduct to encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children [Section 1118 (e)(4)].

Response: Parent Resource Center will be open daily from 8:00am - 8:30 am and from 2:00 pm. to 3:15 pm. A Family Fun Night will be implemented in October 2016.

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Strong responses include:

- Identification of the type of activity;

- Specific steps necessary to implement this activity;
- Person(s) responsible;
- Timeline; and
- Description of the evidence the school will use to demonstrate the effectiveness and/or completion of the activity/task.

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Communication

Describe how the school will provide parents of participating children the following [Section 1118(c)(4)]:

- Timely information about the Title I programs [Section 1118(c)(4)(A)];
- Description and explanation of the curriculum at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet [Section 1118(c)(4)(B)];
- If requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children[Section 1118(c)(4)(C)]; and
- If the schoolwide program plan under Section 1114 (b)(2) is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will include submit the parents' comments with the plan that will be made available to the local education agency [Section 1118(c)(5)].

Response: Timely information regarding Title I programs will be given to parents at the annual Title I meeting held in August 2016. Letters informing them of our school's participation in Title I will be sent home at the beginning of the school year.

Description of the school's curriculum and forms of academic assessment implemented will be provided to parents during Open House and distributed by teachers. The proficiency levels students are expected to meet will be provided during parent workshops and during parent conferences.

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Strong responses include:

- Process for providing information to parents;
- Dissemination methods;
- Reasonable and realistic timelines for specific parent notifications; and
- Description of how the school will monitor that the information was provided.

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Accessibility

Describe how the school will provide full opportunities for participation in parental involvement activities

for all parents (including parents with limited English proficiency, disabilities, and migratory children). Include how the school plans to share information related to school and parent programs, meetings, school reports, and other activities in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practical, in a language parents can understand [Section 1118(e)(5) and 1118(f)].

Response: Parental involvement activities will be provided throughout the school year to offer opportunities for all parents to attend. Volunteering activities will be implemented so that parents may assist with classroom duties, tutoring opportunities, and special events. During the month of October, Hispanic Heritage will be celebrated through a variety of activities. The school will share information related to these programs through Connect Ed messages, flyers/letters sent home, and notice on the school's marquee.

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Strong responses include:

- Process the school will use for translating information into a parent's native language;
- Description of how the school will ensure that parents with disabilities will have access to parental involvement activities and/or services;
- Description of how the school will ensure that information is available to parents considering the fluctuating student populations;
- Specific languages in which information will be provided; and
- Process the school will use to monitor that schools provide information to parents in a language they can understand, if feasible.

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Discretionary Activities

Discretionary School Level Parental Involvement Policy Components Check if the school does not plan to implement discretionary parental involvement activities. Check all activities the school plans to implement:
 Not Applicable

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Strong responses include:

- Identification of the activity which may include the following:
- Involving parents in the development of staff training, providing literacy training, paying reasonable and necessary expenses to conduct parental involvement activities, training parents to help other parents, adopting and implementing model parental involvement programs, organizing a local education agency parent advisory council, and/or developing roles for community organizations and/or business in parental involvement activities;
- Description of the implementation strategy;
- Identification of person(s) responsible;
- Correlation to student academic achievement; and
- Reasonable and realistic timelines.

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Upload Evidence of Input from Parents

Upload evidence of parent input in the development of the plan.

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Upload Parent-School Compact

Note: As a component of the school-level parental involvement policy/plan, each school shall jointly develop, with parents for all children served under this part, a parent-school compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement Section 1118(d)].

Upload an electronic version of the Parent-School Compact.

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School-Parent Compact must include the following components:

- Description of the school's responsibility to provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards;
- Identification of ways parents will be responsible for supporting their children's learning (for example, monitoring attendance, homework completion, or television watching; volunteering in their child's classroom; and participating as appropriate in decisions relating to the education of their children and positive use of extracurricular time); and
- Highlight the importance of communication between teachers and parents on an ongoing basis through, at a minimum: parent-teacher conferences in elementary schools, at least annually, during which the compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement; Frequent reports to parents on their child's progress; and Reasonable access to staff, opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and observation of classroom activities; and
- Evidence that parents were involved in the development/revisions to the compact [Section 1118(d), ESEA].

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Upload Evidence of Parent Involvement in Development of Parent-School Compact

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Upload evidence of parent input in the development of the compact.

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Evaluation of the previous year's Parental Involvement Plan

Building Capacity Summary

Provide a summary of activities provided during the previous school year that were designed to build the capacity of parents to help their children [Section 1118 (e)(1-2)]. Include participation data on the Title I annual meeting.

count	Content and Type of Activity	Number of Activities	Number of Participants	Anticipated Impact on Student Achievement
1	Parent Workshop	63	2852	Increase in assessment scores

Review Rubric:

Strong responses include the content and type of activity, number of activities, number of participants, and the correlation to student achievement.

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Staff Training Summary

Provide a summary of the professional development activities provided by the school during the previous school year to educate staff on the value and utility of contributions of parents; how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners; the implementation and coordination of parent programs; and how to build ties between parents and the school [Section 1118 (e)(3)].

count	Content and Type of Activity	Number of Activities	Number of Participants	Anticipated Impact on Student Achievement
1	Professional Learning Community, building parental partnerships	17	453	Increase in assessment scores

Review Rubric:

Strong responses include the content and type of activity, number of activities, number of participants, and the correlation to student achievement.

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Barriers

Describe the barriers that hindered participation by parents during the previous school year in parental involvement activities. Include the steps the school will take during the upcoming school year to overcome the barriers (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background) [Section 1118(a)(E)].

count	Barrier (Including the Specific Subgroup)	Steps the School will Take to Overcome
1	Babysitting	Provide Childcare
2	Time and/or Dates of Meetings	Flexible Number of Meetings and Flexible Time
3	Language Barrier	Provide Translator

Review Rubric:

Strong responses include:

- Identification of barrier which hindered participation by parents in parental involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background); and
- Description of how the LEA will use the information gathered from the evaluation to design strategies for more effective parental involvement policies described in Section 1118.

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Best Practices (Optional)

Describe the parental involvement activity/strategy the school implemented during the previous school year that the school considers the most effective. This information may be shared with other LEAs and schools as a best practice. (Optional)

count	Content/Purpose	Description of the Activity
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Activities described in this section should be correlated to student achievement and include sufficient detail that another LEA or school could use the information to develop a similar program.

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