# Lindale ISD Annual Title 1, Part A Meeting Velma Penny Elementary

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# Why Are We Here?

The Elementary and Secondary School Act, Title I, Part A, requires that each Title I school hold an annual meeting for parents and families whose children receive Title I services. The purpose of the meeting is to share required information which includes:

- Defining a Title I school
- Informing you of the school's participation in Title I, Part A
- Explaining the requirements of Title I, Part A
- Explaining your rights and opportunities as a parent

### What is a Title I School?

A Title I, Part A, school received federal funds to supplement the school's existing programs. For example:

- Identifying students who are experiencing academic difficulties and providing timely assistance to help these students meet the state's challenging content standards
- Purchasing supplemental programs, material and supplies
- Recruiting, hiring, and retaining highly qualified teachers, and
- Conducting parent and family engagement plan, meetings, and activities.

In LISD, K-8 campuses having a 40% or higher of students receiving free and reduced lunches are classified as Title I schools.

Velma Penny is a Title 1 school.

### 1% Set Aside

Any school district with a Title I, Part A allocation exceeding \$500,000 is required by statute to set-aside 1% of its Title I, Part A allocation for parent and family engagement.

- Of that 1%, 10% may be reserved at the district for system-wide initiatives and administrative expenses related to parent and family engagement.
- Of the 1%, 90% must be allocated to the Title I schools in the district to implement campus-level parent and family engagement.
- Title 1 parents have the right to be involved in the decisions regarding how these funds will be used for parent and family engagement activities.

### Campus Improvement Plan

Each campus in LISD has a Campus Improvement Plan that includes:

- A comprehensive needs assessment and summary of data
- Goals, objectives, and strategies to address academic needs of students
- Professional development needs
- Coordination of resources and services
- Identification of Title I, Part A funds and expenditures
- The school's parental involvement plan

Title I funds are used to fund various needs documented in the Campus Improvement Plan.

# Parental Involvement Campus Requirements

- Annual Title I meeting (two meetings will be made available on different dates and times)
- Title I School Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- Title I School Parent Compacts
- Campus participation and volunteer activities for parents (as Covid protocols allow)

# Partnership with the School

- Review regular communication sent from the school: grades, SMORE newsletters, calendars, emails, Facebook, etc.
- Skyward Family Access
- Communication with teachers as needed
- Homework schedule
- Online resources:
  - o LISD Parent Portal
  - LISD Students and Families webpage
  - <u>LISD Parent Academy for Students with Disabilities</u>

### **Teacher Qualifications**

- Schools are required to notify parents that they have the right to request information regarding the qualifications of their child's teacher.
- Parents must follow the school procedure to request this information.
- Schools are required to notify parents that the student has been assigned, or
  has been taught for 4 or more weeks, by a teacher who does not meet
  applicable State certification requirements at the grade level and subject area
  in which the teacher has been assigned.

# Working Together

Through effective communication with parents, teachers can have the greatest impact on their day-to-day success with students. With parents on their side, teachers can more effectively manage most academic and behavioral issues that arise. When the most important adults in a child's life are working together, students benefit enormously.

Lee and Marleen Canter

Thank you for partnering with Lindale ISD!