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***Ruskin Elementary***

***Parent Involvement Plan for Shared Student Success***

***2015-2016 School Year***

***Ruskin Elementary School***

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**What is Title I?**

Ruskin Elementary is identified as Title I school-wide. This means that the school receives federal funds to support efforts to challenge all students to meet state academic standards and assessments.

Ruskin will provide opportunities for parents/families to participate in programs to help their child to be academically successful. These programs will be focused on improving student achievement and include strategies to promote family engagement. As a Title I school we will work with all parents to develop a written parent involvement plan.

**Parental Involvement/**

**Family Engagement**

Ruskin Elementary believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities.

This will include the following:

  Parents playing an integral role in assisting their child’s learning

 Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school

 Parents are full partners in their child’s education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child

**Ruskin Elementary**

Ruskin Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals.

 Conduct staff development on parent involvement practices and strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.

 Share information in English and in Spanish (per request), on the school website, and in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school’s academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child’s progress and work with educators.

 Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities through the Instant Alert System, social media, and flyers.

 Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.

 Provide necessary materials for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child’s achievement.

 Collaborate with community leaders and business groups to increase participation and awareness of the school parental involvement plan and activities.

 Offer parent classes to help further enhance their various education backgrounds.

 Listen and respond to parents’ requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.

 “Saddle Up for Success”

**Let’s Get Together!**

Ruskin Elementary will host the following activities, workshops, and events to build a strong parent/family capacity to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement:

Open House—August 2015

Meet your child’s teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff

Annual Title I Meeting-September 2015

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about out Title I program including our parent involvement policy, the school wide plan, the school-parent compacts and the parents’ requirements. Notices will be sent home, posted in the school newsletter, the Instant Alert System, and on the school website.

Curriculum Night-Fall & Spring

Learn what your child is expected to master in all subject areas.

Learn helpful information to support your child’s learning.

Lunch-n-Learn-Throughout the Year

Gain knowledge about topics relevant to your child’s education.

Review school plans

Technology Talk-Fall 2015

Catch up on the latest technical resources to help support your child’s learning.

Family Engagement/ Honor’s Day and Parents’ Night-Throughout the Year

Connect with the school and community to build a better school and review school plans.

Ruskin Elementary is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please call or email us if you need assistance with childcare or transportation in order to participate in our programs.

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**2015-16 School Goals**

**Grades 3-5**

\*90% or more students will meet/exceed on the Georgia Milestones ELA Assessment

\*90% or more students will meet/exceed on the Georgia Milestones Math Assessment

\*90% or more students will meet/exceed on the Georgia Milestones Science and Social Studies Assessment

Students in grades K-5 will increase their Attendance Rate from 79% at the end of SY2015 to 98% at the end of SY2016.

**2015-16 District Goals**

All students will meet or exceed academic expectations.

As a result of a rigorous K-12 program, all students will graduate from high school prepared to be college and career ready.

We will work on fostering communications between schools, parents, students, and the community.

**School Plan for Shared Student**

**Achievement**

 **What is it?** The school plan explains how Ruskin Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement and to support student learning. Ruskin Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents in order to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes how Ruskin Elementary will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in workshops, activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

**How is it developed and revised?** Ruskin Elementary welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. Parent feedback will be used to review and revise the parent involvement plan and the school wide plan for the next year. Both plans are posted on the school website for parents to view and post feedback. We also distribute an annual survey to parents for their suggestions and feedback on the use of the 1% set aside for parent involvement funds. Parents can also give feedback during various parent meetings, workshops, and the summer retreat with the School Improvement Team, which will review and revise the parent involvement plan and the school-wide plan for the upcoming school year.

**Who is it for? EVERYONE** Ruskin Elementary is a school-wide Title I School so all students participate. All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Ruskin Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

**Parental Advisory Committee**

Ruskin Elementary invites all parents to join the Parental Advisory Committee. As a part of the committee you will share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with the school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year. Parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through parent surveys and the school website. If you would like to learn more about the Parental Advisory Committee, please contact Janna Jones at (912) 287-2325 .

Working Together to Benefit ALL

Ruskin Elementary, our parents, and community stakeholders jointly develop and agree on the parent involvement plan. The plan is distributed to all parents and made available to the local community. Furthermore, it ensures that strong strategies are in place to:

 Build the capacity to involve parents in an effective partnership with the school.

 Share and support high student academic achievement.

**School-Parent Compacts**

The parents, students and faculty of Ruskin Elementary developed a school-parent compact. This compact is an agreement that explains how parents, students, and teachers will work together to ensure that all our students reach grade-level standards. The compact will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers. Every parent will receive a compact to keep at home. During parent-teacher conferences and other parent meetings the compact will be reviewed and discussed.

**How do I Get A Parent Involvement Plan (PIP)?**

Parents receive a copy along with the student handbook during the first week of school, They can also pick up a copy during Open House in July. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan from the Title I Parent Involvement Coordinator and view it on the school website..

 All Parent Meetings

 Parent Involvement Coordinator

 Open House

 Annual Title I Parent Meeting

 School Website

**Attendance—IT IS IMPORTANT!**

For students to be academically successful, they NEED to be present at school. It is the goal of Ruskin Elementary to work with parents to ensure that ALL students are present everyday.

We understand that children get sick and emergencies arise. Please contact your child’s teacher and/or school when your child is absent. When your child returns to school, they MUST bring a note signed by the parent explaining why they were absent.