



## Yates Mill Elementary School Title I Family Engagement Policy, 2019-2020

**Policy Engagement:** The voices of our families are important, and we want your feedback. In order to hear from you all regarding our Title I Family Engagement Policy we will:

- Provide multiple opportunities at the beginning of the year with information about being a part of a Title I school during our Meet the Teacher (August) and PTA Kickoff General Meeting (September).
- Send a copy of the policy home, with a form where feedback can be provided.

**Shared Responsibilities for High Student Achievement:** The shared responsibility expectations are reflected and presented in our Home-School Compact.

**Building Capacity for Engagement:** Supporting both our families and staff in growing their capabilities for engagement is crucial to our success. In order to ensure this happens, we will:

- Hold **Meet the Teacher** in August.
- Classroom teachers will make a positive phone call home to each student in their classroom within the first two weeks of the school year.
- Provide opportunities for **Family Student Led Conferences** in October and April.
- Parent/ Teacher Conferences provided in the fall and spring.
- Provide families opportunities to create a family vision board at **Family Dream Night** in October.
- Middle of school year check in opportunities for families during optional home visits in February/ March.
- Train staff on effective family engagement practices including: holding effective student led conferences that promote partnership, data portfolios, and conducting positive home-visits.
- Have a **Family Engagement School Improvement Committee**, which will be the body that guides the work of family engagement at Yates Mill Elementary.
- Collaborate with the **Yates Mill PTA** to align efforts in order to most effectively support school improvement.

**Accessibility:** In carrying out family engagement, all opportunities need to be accessible to parents of limited English proficiency and parents of students with disabilities. Family engagement efforts will be designed to include flexible meeting times along with interpreters when possible.