TITLE I School Parental Involvement Policy

Title I regulations require that each school served under Title I jointly develop with and distribute to parents of participating children, a written involvement policy agreed on by the parents that describes the requirements of SEC 1118. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT (c) through (f) as listed below and outlined in the Title I law:

C. POLICY INVOLVEMENT- Each school served under this part shall —

(1) Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved;

   The Pilla Title 1 meeting - September 21, 2030, 6 PM via zoom.

(2) Offer a flexible number of meetings and, with funds provided under this part, other services related to parental involvement;

   Title I meeting, monthly School Climate Team meetings, monthly School Planning Team meetings, and monthly PTO meetings are offered at different times of the day throughout the school year and Title 1 funds are used to purchase resources and food for some of these meetings and various other family involvement activities.

(3) 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;

   Title I meeting, monthly School Climate Team meetings, monthly School Planning Team meetings, and monthly PTO meetings

(4) provide parents of participating children —

   (A) timely information about programs under this part;
   (B) a description and explanation of the curriculum in use at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet; and
   (C) 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, and respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible;

   Pilla Transition Program, 6th Grade Orientation, Open House, Back to School Night, American Education Week Open House, Parent Conferences, PARCC Family Night, Academic Showcase, and individual parent conferences upon request

(5) if the schoolwide program plan is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, submit any parent comments on the plan when the school makes the plan available to the local educational agency.

   The Pilla Schoolwide Plan was reviewed with parents during our annual Title 1 meeting on September 18, 2019. When asked for feedback, the parents in attendance offered no comments on the Pilla Title 1 Schoolwide Plan.
D. SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT - As a component of the school-level parental involvement policy, each school shall jointly develop with parents for all children served under this part a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

The school-parent compact is available to all parents on our website. A hard copy is available on request. Parents signed that they received it and reviewed it. The school-parent compact was reviewed during our Title 1 meeting on September 18, 2019.

E. BUILDING CAPACITY FOR INVOLVEMENT - To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, each school and local educational agency assisted under this part —

(1) Shall provide assistance to parents of children served by the school or local educational agency, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the State's academic content standards and State student academic achievement standards, State and local academic assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children;

Title I meeting, monthly School Climate Team meetings, monthly School Planning Team meetings, and monthly PTO meetings, Pilla Transition Program, 6th Grade Orientation, Open House, Back to School Night, American Education Week Open House, Parent Conferences, PARCC Family Night, Academic Showcase, and individual parent conferences upon request

(2) Shall provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement;

Parent portal assistance during the Lincoln Avenue Transition Program, Orientation, Open House, Parent Conferences, and individual parent conferences; online parent resources available through the Pilla website; and Remind 101 electronic communication reminders.

(3) Shall educate teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parents and the school;

Opening staff meetings and workshops incorporate discussions and strategies to maintain positive and open lines of communication with families. Teachers volunteer for various parental involvement programs throughout the school year including the Pilla Transition Program, VEA/PTO Welcome Fair, PARCC Family Night, Academic Showcase,

(4) Shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, the Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, and public preschool and other programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children;

Parent online resources and monthly newsletters are provided. During Back to School Night and parent conferences we hold a family resource fair to educate families about community resources that are available in our area and bring those resources to the school to encourage and support families.

(5) Shall ensure that information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand;
Important resources related to school and parent programs and other activities are provided in English and Spanish including our Middle School Transition booklet, the Title 1 letter, and other important information. Every effort is made to communicate in a manner that is understandable for parents.

(6) May arrange school meetings at a variety of times, or conduct in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend such conferences at school, in order to maximize parental involvement and participation;

Parent conferences are scheduled twice per year and are offered in the afternoon and evening. Parents may also schedule individual parent conferences at a time that is convenient for them when teachers are available. Phone conferences are also offered for parents who are not able to come into the school.

(7) May establish a districtwide parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in programs supported under this section;

Parent conferences are scheduled twice per year and are offered in the afternoon and evening. Parents may also schedule individual parent conferences at a time that is convenient for them when teachers are available. Phone conferences are also offered for parents who are not able to come into the school.

(8) Shall provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under this section as parents may request.

Sgt. Dominick Pilla Middle School keeps an updated website at all times. The website includes all required Title 1 documents, an updated calendar of events for the school year, teacher contact information, student handbook, HIB information, and highlights upcoming events on the main page. Every Wednesday, students are sent home with important information via the schoolwide parental communication folder. Parents are informed about this weekly communication folder during the Lincoln Transition Program, Orientation, Open House, and Parent Conferences. The parental communication folder contains information about school activities that are available for students and families. In addition to these efforts to support parents, Pilla Middle School utilizes the Blackboard outcall system that allows information to be sent to parents via phone, text, and email. The PTO maintains a Facebook page to provide parents with information on PTO and parental involvement activities. Whenever possible, Title 1 funds are used to purchase food and resources to help families feel welcome at the school and informed about ways to help their child succeed. Families are provided with the opportunity to complete a parent perception survey during parent conferences twice during the school year. The feedback obtained is briefly summarized in the last newsletter of the school year and is used to make decisions on future activities and programs.

F. ACCESSIBILITY—In carrying out the parental involvement requirements of this part, districts and schools, to the extent practicable, shall provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with children with limited English proficiency, parents with children with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language such parents can understand.

Important resources related to school and parent programs and other activities are provided in English and Spanish including our Middle School Transition booklet, the Title 1 letter, and other important information. Every effort is made to communicate in a manner that is understandable for all parents.