

## Spring Place Elementary School

### *Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success 2021-2022 School Year*

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### **What is Title I?**

Spring Place Elementary is identified as a Title I Distinguished School as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parental involvement policy.

## School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

**What is it?** This is a plan that describes how Spring Place Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Spring Place Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Spring Place Elementary will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

**How is it developed?** Spring Place Elementary School welcomes parent input and comments at any time regarding the plan. All parent feedback will be used to revise the plan for next year. We hold two meetings each year to gather input. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and post feedback throughout the year. We also distribute an annual survey sent home with students to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parent involvement. Parents and family members can also give feedback during our family night events throughout the school year.

**Who is it for?** All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Spring Place Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

**Where is it available?** At the beginning of the year, the plan is given to all students. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center located in the media center and on our website.



### 2021-2022 District Goals

- Provide the educational foundation and opportunities that accelerate all students to achieve expected or high academic growth.
- All students will perform at or above grade level, and we will increase equity among all students.

### 2021-2022 School Goals

- SPE will strengthen Tiered instruction – measured by increasing the percentage of students performing at Levels 3 & 4 annually on the Georgia Milestones in ELA and math.
- SPE will provide the educational foundation and opportunities that accelerate all students to achieve expected or high academic growth.

### School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Spring Place Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers. The school-parent compacts are also shared during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

### Let's Get Together!

Spring Place Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. All meetings for parents will be announced on social media. hosted twice – once in the morning and once in the afternoon.

#### Title I Meeting

- ✓ We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be posted on social media and the school webpage.

#### Open House TBA August 30-September 3, 2021

- ✓ Parents will learn about how to sign up to receive texting alerts from the school and will be given curriculum standards as well as other helpful information to prepare for the school year. Each family will receive a school magnet that contains state mandated testing dates, report cards, benchmark dates, holidays, beginning date, and ending date.

#### Parent Nights TBA

- ✓ SPE will be hosting virtual parent conferences/family nights to keep parents informed about student's progress and school events.

#### Read Across America Day – Week of March 2, 2022

- ✓ Celebrate reading with special guest readers and literacy activities organized by Mrs. Harrison, our media specialist. This event will be announced on social media.

#### School Forum – May 2022

- ✓ A virtual forum for parents and family members to participate in discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compact, and the family engagement budget.

### Parental Involvement

Spring Place Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, ensuring –

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
- That 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.

Spring Place Elementary is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Meetings are scheduled at various times to accommodate different family schedules and most activities allow including small children. The school social worker or outside agencies may provide transportation if needed. Please call us if you need assistance attending family activities.

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### Spring Place Elementary is Branching Out!

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

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and family programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, and posted on the school website. We will also send text alerts.
- ✓ Conduct staff development on increasing family engagement with reading and math activities for our students outside of the classroom, and effective strategies for staff to communicate and build partnerships with parents.
- ✓ Partner with Murray County Schools Pre-K and Head Start to share school information about family engagement activities that will help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish 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 schoolwide events and activities, such as phone messages, 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.

### Reservation of Funds

Spring Place will share information on our 1% set-aside to involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parent and family engagement is spent.

### Parent and Family Engagement Standards

Spring Place Elementary and our parents have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging parents, students, and the community.

These standards are –

- Welcoming All Families
- Communicating Effectively
- Supporting Student Success
- Speaking Up for Every Child
- Sharing Power
- Collaborating with Community



Parents may follow Spring Place Elementary on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook to stay up to date on school events. School events are also posted on the school webpage.

### School Council Team

Spring Place Elementary invites all parents to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet three times during the school year. Parents can submit their ideas or suggestions during family involvement nights or email Dr. Amelia Brock at [amelia.brock@murray.k12.ga.us](mailto:amelia.brock@murray.k12.ga.us) or Mr. Ridley @ [nathan.ridley@murray.k12.ga.us](mailto:nathan.ridley@murray.k12.ga.us). The ideas and suggestions will be passed to the School Council.

### Student Council

Spring Place has a Student Council team with representation from grades 4, 5, and 6. The mission of the Spring Place Elementary Student Council is to allow students to become responsible leaders within our community and nurture in all students the traits of good citizenship. The council meets monthly. Parents may submit ideas or suggestions pertaining to students and student involvement to the Student Council by doing so during family involvement nights or email Dr. Brock at [amelia.brock@murray.k12.ga.us](mailto:amelia.brock@murray.k12.ga.us) or Mr. Ridley @ [nathan.ridley@murray.k12.ga.us](mailto:nathan.ridley@murray.k12.ga.us). The ideas and suggestions will be passed to the Student Council.



Murray County is pleased to provide the use of Infinite Campus Parent Portal as a resource to parents. You can create your own login by contacting Spring Place Elementary to obtain a code that starts your access to your child's attendance, grades, missing assignments, and much more.

