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Dear Parents and Guardians of School, Benjamin Franklin Senior High School and Dual Language Middle School Magnet:

The Los Angeles Unified School District approved a new LAUSD Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy in June of 2018, which was developed with the meaningful consultation of Title I parents and family members from each Region. The policy is summarized below. A hard copy of the entire policy may be requested from the main office.

Summary of the Los Angeles Unified School District Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy

A. LAUSD will involve parents in the joint development of the LAUSD Local Educational Agency (LEA) Plan by inviting parents of Title I students to participate in Region Title I Parent Study Groups, in the District's Title I Focus Group, and in school level activities related to the LAUSD LEA Plan, including program and budget development for categorical programs. The District will also invite parents to participate in special training to support their understanding of the LAUSD LEA Plan and the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA).

B. LAUSD, through the Office of Student, Family and Community Engagement (SFACE) and the Region Family and Community Engagement (FACE) staff, will provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build the capacity of Title I schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance. Staff from SFACE and FACE will develop tools and curriculum and will provide training to school staff in the following areas:

- o School Goals for Parent Engagement
- o Parent Education Modules
- o Parent and Family Center Improvement Program
- o School Volunteer Program
- o Building Relationships with Community Groups
- o Staff Capacity-building Modules

C. LAUSD will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement strategies described in this policy with strategies used in programs operated by other LAUSD departments, some of which are listed below:

- o Multilingual and Multicultural Education
- o Division of Special Education
- o Early Childhood Education
- o Division of Instruction
- o Student Health and Human Services
- o Access, Equity and Acceleration
- o Beyond the Bell
- o Student Integration Services

D. Through Region Title I Study Groups, LAUSD will conduct an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the parent and family engagement policy in improving the academic quality of Title I schools, identifying the strategies to support successful engagement, the needs of parents and family members to assist with their children's learning, and the barrier to greater parent participation in activities.

E. LAUSD will use the findings under section D to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parent engagement and to revise, if necessary, the LAUSD Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

F. LAUSD will involve parents in the activities of Title I schools, ensuring that schools listen responsively to parents, welcome them as partners, and provide leadership and learning opportunities to them. LAUSD will ensure that parents and family members are knowledgeable about school and District programs, engagement opportunities, student and school performance data, parents' rights and responsibilities, and how to support their children's education.

If you are interested in learning more about the annual review of this policy that takes place in each Region, please contact the Office of SFACE at (213) 481-3350 or email families@lausd.org.

Sincerely,

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