

# Beecher Hills Elementary

## *Parental Involvement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success*

**2015-2016 School Year**



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

*Beecher Hills is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is:*

- *A federally funded program which provides services to schools based on student economic needs.*
- *Designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students.*

*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 **Beecher Hills Elementary School** will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Beecher Hills' values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Beecher Hills will support parent 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 and revised?**

Beecher Hills invites all parents to attend our School-wide Planning and Budget meetings to review and revise this parental involvement plan, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. This occurs in the spring and again in the fall of the calendar year. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome throughout the school year. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

### **Who is it for?**

Since Beecher Hills has a school-wide plan that applies to all students, all families of every K-5 student are encouraged and invited to participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Beecher Hills will make provisions so that parents with limited English, disabilities and parents of migratory children can fully participate in parent engagement opportunities.

### **Where is it available?**

The plan or policy is posted to the school website, emailed to all parents with email addresses on file, sent home with every student via homework folders, and distributed at the Annual Title I meeting. Parents can also view a copy in the school Media Center Title I notebook, or retrieve a copy in the Parent Center located in room 201, located at the front of the building.

## 2015-2016 District Goal

### Atlanta Public Schools Academic Program

Our students will be well-rounded individuals who possess the necessary academic skills and knowledge and are excited about learning.

### 2015-2016 Beecher Hills Goals

- By May 2016, 75% of students in each grade level will meet the end of year goal on identified grade level essential skills as measured by the spring administration of the AIMS Web universal screener.
- By May 2016, 80% of students in grades K-5 will demonstrate average to above average growth in Reading and Math as measured by the spring administration of the Computer Adaptive Assessment (CAAS).

## Parental Involvement

Beecher Hills believes that parent involvement means the participation of parents in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play a role in assisting with their child's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school and home.
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

## Let's Get Together!

Beecher Hills will host the following events to build the capacity for strong parental involvement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Our Academic Parent Teacher Team (APTT) Meetings and individual conferences will focus building parent/family capacity for helping students at home. The APTT meeting schedule is as follows:

| Grade | Team Meeting #1                  | Team Meeting #2                   | Team Meeting #3                    |
|-------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Kdg   | Tues. 9/1/15 Time 5:00 pm        | Tues. 1/12/16 Time 5:00 pm        | Tues. 3/22/16 Time 5:00 pm         |
| 1     | <b>Tues. 9/1/15 Time 6:15 pm</b> | <b>Tues. 1/12/16 Time 6:15 pm</b> | <b>Tues. 3/22/16 Time 6:15 pm</b>  |
| 2     | Tues. 9/8/15 Time 5:00 pm        | Tues. 1/19/16 Time 5:00 pm        | Wed. 3/23/16 Time 5:00 pm          |
| 3     | <b>Tues. 9/8/15 Time 6:15 pm</b> | <b>Tues. 1/19/16 Time 6:15 pm</b> | <b>Wed. 3/23/16 Time 6:15 pm</b>   |
| 4     | Wed. 9/16/15 Time 5:00 pm        | Tues. 1/26/16 Time 5:00 pm        | Thurs. 3/24/16 Time 5:00 pm        |
| 5     | <b>Wed. 9/16/15 Time 6:15 pm</b> | <b>Tues. 1/26/16 Time 6:15 pm</b> | <b>Thurs. 3/24/16 Time 6:15 pm</b> |

**Individual Family-Teacher Conferences scheduled for October 13 through November 20, 2015.**

**Open House – August 3, 2015:** Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

**Title I School-wide Planning and Budget Meeting – August 20, 2015:** Parents participate in discussions with parent liaison and/or Title I Contact regarding the school-wide plan, use of Title I funds and parental involvement budget and make recommendations for changes.

**Principal's Tea and Talk – September 4, 2015:** Learn how our school stacks up against other APS schools and more.

**Title I Review and Revision Meetings—Fall, Winter and Spring:** Parents participate in discussions with parent liaison and/or Title I Contact regarding the school-wide plan and budget, parent center calendar of activities, parental involvement budget and make revisions of the parental involvement plan and school-parent compacts. Fall dates are August 20, September 9 and September 10, 2015.

**District Led Parent Math Night – September 8, 2015:** Learn how to make Math fun at home.

**Annual Title I Meeting – October 6, 2015:** We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parental involvement policy, the school-wide plan, the school-parent compact, and parents' right to know. Invitations will be sent home, emailed and notifications posted using multiple school social media.

**Technology Lunch and Learn—Monthly:** Join the digital world and learn skills to support your child's use of technology for academic enrichment.

**Title I Quick Takes and Parent Portal Sign-Up—Monthly** during IB Learner of the Month Breakfast: Get updates on parent involvement opportunities and receive information for getting student grades online.

**School Forum – May 2016:** A forum for parents to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff reflecting on the school year and preliminary planning for the next school-year.

**Future Events will be posted on the school calendar distributed bimonthly, the school marquee, and announced through take home flyers, email, text, and voice messenger. Also, follow us on Facebook and Instagram.**

## Parent Center

The Parent Center is conveniently located at the front of the building in Room 201. We are building a library of resources available for checkout. It is open Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm and during most school events occurring outside the normal school day.

Beecher Hills 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.

### Please contact

**Mrs. Weekes, Parent Liaison at 404-802-8316 or [tweekes@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:tweekes@atlanta.k12.ga.us) if you have any questions.**

## School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Beecher Hills and our families develop a school-parent compact. It is an agreement that explains how parents, teachers and students work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards.

The compact is reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the School-wide Planning meeting and via email and feedback forms.

Parents and staff members worked diligently to create a compact that reflects the Beecher Way. A copy of the school-parent compact brochure is distributed to every family to use during the year. Teachers may use the compact during conferences. A record of parent's acknowledgement of receiving the compact and plan are kept on file in the Parent Center.

## Beecher Hills is Redefining Excellence

We 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.

We will:

- Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in English and other translations per our ESOL enrollment, posted on the school calendar, and included in the communication resources used for all parents.
- Provide interpreters for non-English speaking parents during meetings and conferences.
- Provide regular trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with parents and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- Partner with our in-house Pre-K Program and their support staff and agencies by conducting joint staff meetings and sending out school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for kindergarten and improve school transition.
- During APTT meetings and individual conferences, provide necessary materials and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- Facilitate parent access to the Parent Portal as a means to monitor their child's progress weekly and work with educators.
- Share information on the district, grade level, class and individual student performance on academic standards and assessments during APTT meetings and individual conferences.
- Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, school marquee email and flyers.
- Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parental involvement.
- Use our Partners in Education and Family Engagement Committee to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parental involvement policy.
- Solicit verbal and/or written feedback from parents at all events, place input cards around the building and post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests.

## Parent Involvement Standards

Beecher Hills ES 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:

1. Welcoming All Families
2. Communicating Effectively
3. Supporting Student Success
4. Speaking Up for Every Child
5. Sharing Power
6. Collaborating with Community

## Family Engagement Committee

- ☐ Yes, I am excited about joining the FEC
- ☐ Yes, please contact me so I can learn more about the FEC
- ☐ Yes, this sounds like a great idea, please keep me posted about future meetings

### ***Please print...***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to contact me: \_\_\_\_\_

## Family Engagement Committee

Beecher Hills invites **ALL** parents to join the Title I Family Engagement Committee to share ideas and ways to involve other parents/guardians to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions during all activities and meetings as well as through our parent surveys and website.

If you would like to learn more about Beecher's Title I Family Engagement Committee please contact Parent Liaison Mrs. Terri Weekes at **[tweekes@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:tweekes@atlanta.k12.ga.us)**.

**Or complete and detach the form to the right** and leave it in the Parent Center mailbox located in the main office.

## Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Parent Center mailbox located in the Main Office:

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Please provide your name and number if you want someone to contact you.

Name: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (optional)

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