

## Mt. Zion Elementary

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



#### **Mt. Zion Elementary**

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

*Mt. Zion Elementary School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards, 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 Parent and Family Engagement Mt. Zion Elementary hosted meetings on two different dates at three different times, September 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> of 2021 at 10:00am, 12:00pm and 3:00 pm, to ensure that the Parent and Family Engagement Plan was jointly developed with all parents. At each meeting parents had a chance to provide input for the 2021-2022 Parent and Family Engagement Plan. The Parent and Family Engagement Plan Input forms were virtually to all parents on October 28, 2021, and placed on the school website at <http://clayton.016.schooldesk.net> to ensure that the Plan was jointly developed by all stakeholders.*

### **Mt. Zion Elementary's Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

#### **What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how Mt. Zion Elementary will provide opportunities to improve parent family engagement to support student learning. Mt. Zion Elementary values the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement by offering a variety of decision-making opportunities for

parents to participate in which include School Council, Parent Advisory Council, Parent Focus Groups, roundtable discussions, and PTO. Parents are also invited to participate in Parent Academy Workshops, Donuts with Dads, Career Day, Curriculum Night, GMAS Forums, and Principal Talk Back Forums to promote student learning at school and at home.

#### **How is it revised?**

Mt. Zion Elementary invited all parents to meetings in April, May and August 2021, to participate and provide suggestions and ideas to improve the Parent and Family Engagement Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. A flyer advertising the meetings was sent home in weekly communication folders with all students, and the meetings were advertised on the school marquee. The Parent and Family Engagement Plan input form was also posted on the school website at <http://clayton.016.schooldesk.net> for parents to print and provide input. At least three meetings were held during the mornings and evenings in order to give all parents of students an opportunity to attend a meeting to provide input and to participate in the joint development of the Plan. During these meetings, parents reviewed, discussed, and gave input on the Plan. We also conducted an online Parent Involvement survey during the Spring at [http://clayton.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5d5dA66VcTUrsvH](http://clayton.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5d5dA66VcTUrsvH), and a paper copy was sent home with each student to give parents the opportunity to provide their input. Additionally, parents were given an opportunity to provide input for the Plan during the Annual Title I meeting in September 2021. Parent input from these meetings was used to revise the 2020-2021 Parent and Family Engagement Plan. All feedback received was considered during the Plan revision for this 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. Mt. Zion Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents with non-English speaking parents, as well as parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

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

The revised plan was included in the Title I documents sent home the first week of school, posted on the school's website, <http://clayton.016.schooldesk.net>, and paper copies are available in the Parent Resource Center, Room 105, as well as on virtual communication platforms.



## District Goals

### The district goals for 2022-2023 are:

By 2023, Clayton County Public Schools will increase the percentage of student scoring at the Proficient and/or Distinguished levels on the Georgia Milestone to at least 80% in all content areas.

### Mt. Zion Elementary School Goals

To increase mathematics and reading proficiency on the Georgia Milestones by 3% by 2022-2023, our school will focus on the following areas in grades 3 - 5:

## School-Parent Compacts

Mt. Zion Elementary hosted three meetings in the fall of 2021 to give all parents the opportunity to provide input for the compact. Additionally, a hard copy of the School-Parent Compact Input form was sent home to all parents in October of 2021, to ensure that the School-Parent Compact is jointly developed by all stakeholders.

Teachers and students provided input for the compact at a meeting in August of 2021, and all parents were invited to a final School-Parent Compact Revision meeting later in the month of August 2021.

After analyzing the results of the input from parents, teachers, and students, final revision of the 2021-2022 School-Parent Compact was completed in August 2021, and posted on the school website for all stakeholders to access.

## Let's Get Together!

Mt. Zion Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong Parent and Family Engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. All meetings for parents will be held more than once per month, and information can be found on the website, and on the distributed monthly Title I Parent Involvement Calendar.

### Annual Title I Meeting – August/September 2021

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our Parent and Family Engagement Plan, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Parents will be notified of dates and times via flyers, monthly school calendar, marquee, email, calling Ed, and posted on the schools website.

### Open House – Spring/Fall

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year during the annual Open House. Information will go home with students the first few

weeks of the 2021-2022 school year.

### Parent Curriculum Nights – Spring /Fall

Sample a little bite from the different areas of your child's academics.

### Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences - Ongoing

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

### GMAS Forums – Spring 2021

Catch up with the latest resources to help support your child's learning.

### Parent Academy Workshops - Monthly

Gain knowledge about topics relevant to your child's education.

### National Parent and Family Engagement Month – November 2021

A celebration of parent involvement impact on school and student success: Parent Academy Workshops; "Bring Your Parent to School Day;" Donuts with Dad; Thanksgiving lunch for all stakeholders.

### Principal Talk Back Sessions – Ongoing

A forum for parents to participate in roundtable discussions with the Principal regarding the schoolwide plan, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, academics, school-parent compacts and the Parent and Family Engagement budget.

## Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources. The Parent Resource Center is located in Room 105, and is open Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Contact Info:

Benjamin Scott, Title I Parent Liaison



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**Parent and Family Engagement** Mt. Zion Elementary believes that Parent and Family Engagement 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 an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- 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.



- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

## ***Mt. Zion Elementary School is Roaring with Pride!***

Mt. Zion Elementary 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 understandable language, and posted on the school website, monthly Title I Parent Involvement calendar, and posted in the front office.

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 the Mt. Zion Cluster of Parent Resource Center's by conducting joint parent family engagement meetings for parents and sending school information about parent family engagement activities.

Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding school wide events and activities, through written communication, school website, school marquee, email, monthly newsletter, and ConnectEd calls, Infinite Campus, students' weekly folders

Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of Parent and Family Engagement.

Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.

Collect feedback from parents at all events, place input cards in Parent Resource Center and the front office, and post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for Parent and Family Engagement activities.

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**Mt. Zion Elementary has adopted the National PTO 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

**Additionally, Mt. Zion Elementary utilizes Joyce Epstein's Six Types of Parent and Family Engagement:**

1. Parenting
2. Learning at Home
3. Communicating
4. Decision-Making
5. Volunteering

## 6. Collaborating with the Community



### It Takes A Team!

*Mt. Zion Elementary invites all parents to join the Parent Advisory Council to share ideas about ways to involve other parents to build partnerships between school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents may also submit their ideas or suggestions during any school activity, event, or meeting. Additionally, parents may submit suggestions through parent surveys or via email. If you would like to learn more about the Parent Advisory Council please contact Benjamin Scott, Title I Parent Liaison at 770-968- 2935, [benjamin.scott@clayton.k12.ga.us](mailto:benjamin.scott@clayton.k12.ga.us), or call 770-968-2935. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email. We would love to hear from you!*



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### Advisory Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the Parent Advisory Council
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates

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

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

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

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

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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 Main Office:*

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

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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*Email Address:*

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*Comments:*

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Parent Signature Date