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## Parent & Family Engagement Policy for Claughton Middle School 2021-2022

### Family and Community Engagement Policy Statement

Everyone gains when the school and home work together to promote academic success and high achievement for our Stelle Claughton students. The purpose of this plan is to encourage and assist parents in becoming involved in their children's education. It also describes how Stelle Claughton Middle School intends to include parents in all aspects of their school wide program. Parents are invited and encouraged to participate in the planning, implementation, and review of both our school wide Family and Community Engagement Policy.

### Mission Statement

Stelle Claughton Middle School is a learning organization that is committed to working collaboratively with the community to create an active and engaging environment that instills the life-long desire for excellence in learning and citizenship in every student.

1. Claughton Middle School shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements of ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) Section 1116 subsections (c) through (f). Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format / CMS Website, Weekly Smore Letter and Parent meetings and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. Such policy shall be made available to the local community by distribution through community partners/vendors and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school. The policy will be updated yearly at the beginning of the school year in September and available in conjunction with our Annual Title 1 meetings . Section 1116 (b)(1) & (e)(5)
2. Claughton Middle School shall convene two annual meetings, both to be held in the fall semester. One to be held September 23rd at 6pm and the second one scheduled for October 14th, 2021 at 10am, 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; Section 1116 (c)(1)
3. Claughton Middle School shall offer a flexible number of meetings (e.g, Parent University, Schoology Training Session, Curriculum Informational Meetings, Parent Support Meetings) such meetings to be held in the morning, evening, or virtual and may provide when funds are available transportation, childcare, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement; Section 1116 (c)(2)



4. Claughton Middle School shall involve parents annually, 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 parent and family engagement policy and the joint development of the schoolwide program plan under section 1114(b) (Campus Improvement Plan), except that if a school has in place a process for involving parents in the joint planning and design of the school's programs, the school may use that process, if such process includes an adequate representation of parents of participating children; Section 1116 (c)(3)

5. Claughton Middle School shall provide parents of participating children

(A) timely information about programs under this part will be provided on the school website, school newsletter and other printed communication from school to home; (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 achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards; 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; Section 1116 (c)(4)

6. If the schoolwide program plan (Campus Improvement Plan, CIP) under section 1114(b) 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 and those comments will be submitted by the principal to the LEA office. Section 1116 (c)(5)

7. To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, Claughton Middle School shall: Section 1116 (e)

(i) CMS will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the challenging State academic 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; Section 1116 (e)(1)

(ii) CMS will 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 (including the Schoology learning platform along with others and education about the harms of copyright piracy), as appropriate, to foster parental involvement. As we are in a pandemic we will continue to meet the needs of parents, students, and staff virtually if in-person meetings are not possible. Section 1116 (e)(2)

(iii) CMS will educate teachers, have specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, 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; Section 1116 (e)(3)



(iv) CMS will facilitate to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and Local programs, including public preschool 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; Section 1116 (e)(4)

(v) CMS will provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request. Parents will have email, telephone, in-person, and virtual access to make requests or suggestions. Section 1116 (e)(14)

8. Claughton Middle School will provide a virtual platform for scheduled school/parent meetings, trainings and events that are scheduled or deemed necessary when in-person are not possible due to health or weather restrictions.