

## Bethune Middle School

### Parent Involvement Policy and Plan for Sharing Student Success 2016–2017 School Year

*Bethune Middle School*

*Mr. Danny McCoy, Principal*  
285 Little Phoebe Church Rd  
Folkston, GA 31537  
(912) 496-2360

[www.bms.charlton.k12.ga.us](http://www.bms.charlton.k12.ga.us)

Plan revised *September 29, 2016*

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

Bethune Middle is identified as a Title I school as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in 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 Bethune Middle will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Bethune Middle 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 Bethune Middle 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 revised?**

Bethune Middle School invited all parents to attend our Title I Informational Meeting to review and revise this parental involvement policy, as well as the school wide plan, our school-parent compact and the parental involvement budget. Additionally, a survey was sent home to all parents for them to provide specific feedback to the school, and parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school Web site 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 online, by email, and sent home with students 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?**

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. Bethune Middle 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 distributed to parents at our Title I Annual Meeting and a copy is sent home with each student in their first report card. The plan will also be posted on the school Web site. Parents can also retrieve a copy of the plan in the Parent Resource Center.

### ***2016–17 District Goals***

- Raise the academic challenge and performance of each student.
- Provide safe, orderly environments that support learning.
- Foster strong parental and community relationships.

### ***2016–17 School Goals***

- Raise the academic challenge and performance of each student and thereby increase the number of students who achieve Level 3 or higher on the GMAS in all content areas by 2%.
- Implement Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) school-wide to help foster positive relationships between home and school.

## **School-Parent Compacts**

As part of this plan, Bethune Middle and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop 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 at various meetings throughout the year.

The school-parent compacts is sent home with students at the first report card and copies are kept with each child's teacher if parents need a copy.

## **Let's Get Together!**

Bethune Middle 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. Meetings will be held at various times throughout the year.

### ***Open House – August 4, 2016, 6-8 p.m.***

Meet your child's teacher and our helpful and friendly school staff for the year.

### ***Parent-teacher Conferences - September 8, November 17, 2016 and April 27, 2017, 3-5 p.m.***

We invite you to meet with your child's teachers to check on your child's progress.

### ***Annual Title I Meeting – October 3 2016, 6 p.m.***

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 compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be mailed and posted in the school newsletter and local media.

### ***6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night – October 25, 2016, 6 p.m.***

Sixth grade parents are invited to meet with their child's teachers for special activities and information about 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

### ***4<sup>th</sup> Grade Colonial Day – November 18, 2016, 9-11 a.m.***

Fourth grade parents are invited to share in learning about colonial life by making butter, had a tea party, and played era-time games.

### ***Holiday Band Concert – December 13, 2016, 6:30 p.m.***

We invite you to delight in hearing our middle school bands grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> in playing holiday music.

### ***5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night – January 31, 2017, 6 p.m.***

Fifth grade parents are invited to meet with their child's teachers for special activities and information about 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### ***7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night – February 7, 2017, 6 p.m.***

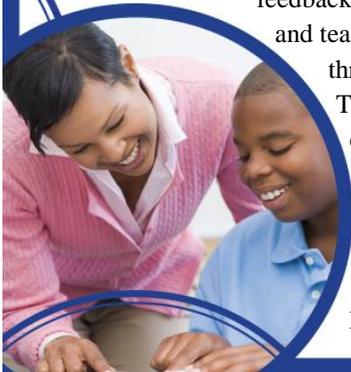
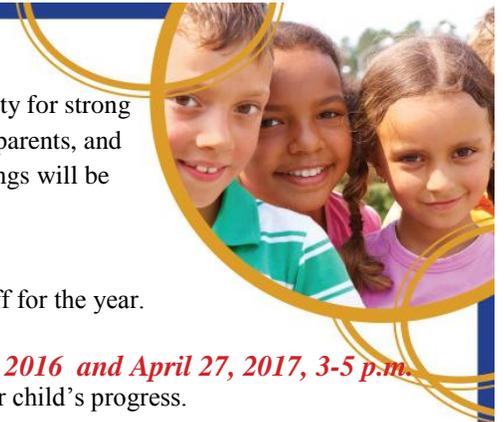
Seventh grade parents are invited to meet with their child's teachers for special activities and information about 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

### ***8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night – March 9, 2017, 7 p.m.***

Eighth grade parents are invited to an informational session about registering and preparing your child for high school. The high school counselor will be available to discuss parent concerns and classes available.

### ***Spring Band Concert – May 16, 2017, 6:30 p.m.***

We invite you to delight in hearing our middle school bands grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> in playing for your enjoyment.



## 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.

Monday – Friday, 7:30 am – 4:30 pm

## Parental Involvement

Bethune Middle believes that parental 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 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.

Bethune Middle 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. Contact Natalie Newvine (912) 496-2360 or [nnewvine@charton.k12.ga.us](mailto:nnewvine@charton.k12.ga.us)



## Bethune Middle is Branching Out!

Bethune Middle 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 both English and Spanish, and posted on the school Web site for all parents.
- ✓ Provide frequent trainings for staff during their faculty meetings 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 Folkston Elementary School and Charlton County High School by conducting joint meetings for parents and sending school information about parent engagement activities to help prepare parents and their child for fourth grade and high school and to 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 school wide events and activities, through 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 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 card around the building and post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parental involvement activities.
- ✓ Parents will be provided information with regards to GA Milestones, state standards, and the school curriculum at various parental meetings and through paperwork sent home throughout the school year.



## Parental Involvement Standards

Bethune Middle 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

## School Community Team

Bethune Middle invites all parents to join the School Community Team to share ideas and ways to involve other parents to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but parents can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activities and meetings, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Community Team, please contact the principal Danny McCoy at (912) 496-2360 or email at [dannymccov@charlton.k12.ga.us](mailto:dannymccov@charlton.k12.ga.us). You may

also complete the School Community Team interest form at the right and leave it in the front office.



## School Community Team

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the School Community Team
- Please contact me so I can learn more joining the School Community Team
- 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: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_