

# Bethune Middle School

Parent & Family Engagement Plan  
for Sharing Student Success  
2018-2019 School Year

*Bethune Middle School*

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## **What is Title I?**

Bethune Middle is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). 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 family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all parents a written parent and family engagement plan.



## **School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

### **What is it?**

In support of strengthening academic achievement, Bethune Middle School receives Title I, Part A funds and therefore must jointly develop with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children a written and family engagement policy that contains information required by section 1116(b) and (c) of the Every Students Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes the school's expectations for parent and family engagement and describes how the school will implement a number of specific parent and family engagement activities, and it is incorporated into the school's plan submitted to the local educational agency (LEA).

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

Bethune Middle School invited all parents to attend our Title I Input Meeting, Revision Meeting, and our Title I Informational Meeting, to review and revise this parent and family engagement plan, as well as the school wide plan, our school-parent compact and the family engagement 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, parents of migratory children, and parents of homeless students, as required under Section 1111 of the ESSA in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.

### **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.



## 2018–19 District Goals

- Decrease the number of students in the lower ELA performance levels and increase the number of students in proficient and distinguished ELA levels
- Decrease the number of students in the lower Math performance levels and increase the number of students in proficient and distinguished Math levels.

## 2018–19 School Goals

- Increase by 2% the students scoring Developing or higher on the ELA GMAS compared to 2018
- Increase by 2% the students scoring Developing or higher on the Math GMAS compared to 2018
- Increase by 2% the students scoring Developing or higher on Science GMAS compared to 2018
- Decrease by 2% the number of student discipline referrals and students missing 6 or more days, and increase parent/teacher contacts
- 100% of core content teachers (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies) will use appropriate, current, instructional technology

## 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 family engagement to support a partnership among the school and the community to improve student academic achievement. Meetings will be held at various times throughout the year.

### *Open House – August 2, 2018, 6-8 p.m.*

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

### *Parent-teacher Conferences - September 6, November 15, 2018 and April 25, 2019, 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 23, 2018, 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.

### *Math Parent Night – November 1, 2018, 6 p.m.*

Parents are invited to play a fun math game with their child under the direction of the child's math teachers to show how math can be used in daily life.

### *ELA Parent Night – December 6, 2018, 6 p.m.*

Parents are invited to a presentation of their child's original poetry or prose written in their language arts class.

### *Holiday Band Concert – December 11, 2018, 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.

### *Social Studies Parent Night – January 17, 2019, 7 p.m.*

Parents are invited to attend a museum of presentations of student research projects from the school year.

### *Science Parent Night – February 7, 2019, 6 p.m.*

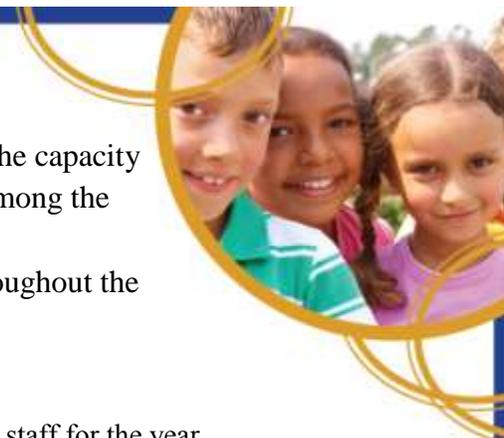
Parents are invited to participate with their child in the completion of a STEM project in compliance with the Georgia Standards of Excellence.

### *Spring Band Concert – May 16, 2019, 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.

### *Input Meeting – May 20, 2019, 3:30 p.m.*

Parents are invited to provide input on our Title I policy, compacts, and budget for the next school year.



## Parent Resource Center

Bethune Middle School will coordinate and integrate activities with Federal, State, and local programs, such as our Parent Resource Center, that encourage and support parent in participating the education of their child. Come visit our 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

## Parent and Family Engagement

Bethune Middle 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:

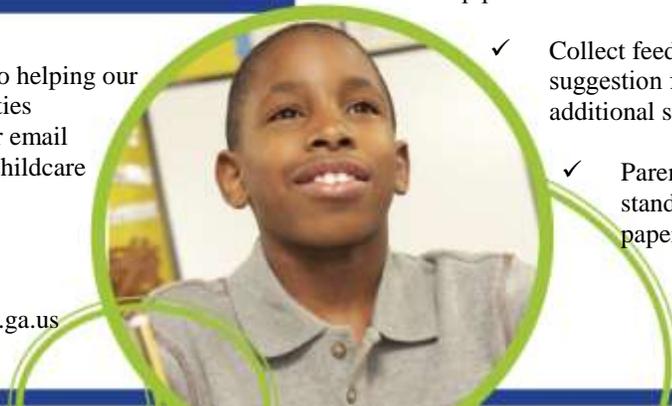
- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees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

Bethune Middle is committed to helping our parents attend the family 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 Rebecca Phillips (912) 496-2360 or [rebeccaphillips@charlton.k12.ga.us](mailto:rebeccaphillips@charlton.k12.ga.us)

## Bethune Middle is Branching Out!

Bethune Middle will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members 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 families
- ✓ Provide frequent trainings for staff during their faculty meetings on new 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 transitions.
- ✓ 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 family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ 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 family at 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 family engagement 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.



## 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 periodically 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 [dannymccoy@charlton.k12.ga.us](mailto:dannymccoy@charlton.k12.ga.us). You may also complete the School Community Team interest form below and leave in the front office.

## Building Staff Capacity

Bethune Middle will provide training to educate teachers, and specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff with the assistance of families, in value and utility of contributions of families, and in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with families as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between families and the school

by holding  
workshops  
during staff  
meetings and  
utilizing  
online  
resources.



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_