

## BUILDING CAPACITY OF PARENTS

The **Lee County School System** will, with the assistance of its Title I schools, build parents' capacity for strong parental involvement by providing materials and training on such topics as literacy training and using technology (including education about the harms of copyright piracy) to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement. Assistance will also be provided to parents in understanding the following topics:

- The challenging state academic standards
  - Provide presentations at Curriculum Nights, Math and Reading Nights
  - Provide information at parent conferences
- The State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments
  - The LCSS district webpage has information for parents under the "Parent Resources" tab
- The requirements of Title I, Part A
  - Annual Title I Parent Meetings are held at the schools each fall to provide information about the Title I program offered and how students are selected to participate in the program
  - Information for parents and families can be found on the district website on the "Federal Programs" tab
- How to monitor their child's progress
  - Provide progress and report cards,
  - Conduct parent-teacher conferences. Parents can request a conference at any time,
  - Provide opportunities for parents and families to learn how to support children's learning at Family Nights
- Transitioning support for families and children:
  - Events are scheduled each year to provide for easy transition from Pre-K to kindergarten, from primary to elementary school, elementary to middle school, and for high school: selecting career pathways, course enrollment, and graduation/college/career counseling
- How to work with educators
  - Provide opportunities for all parents and family members to participate in the development of the school's School-Parent Compact and Parent and Family Engagement Policy,
  - Provide opportunities for parents to provide feedback in the district's and school's surveys

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## Community/Family input in blue

What suggestions do you have for "Building Capacity of Parents"? What do parents need to know in order to help their children be successful?

- Identify families who need assistance accessing technology/countywide internet access
- Improving accessibility (physical, language etc) for parents/guardians
- Go into the communities vs. parents going to the schools
- Incentives—math groups, science, ELA, social studies within community—build "neighborhood groups"
- Help guide understanding of progress reports/report cards
- Build relationships with parents and teachers
- Structure parent/teacher interactions based on need rather than checking a box
- More interactions with problematic students who are struggling instead of negative feedback—strength focused skill building versus what's wrong

Childcare can be provided to events at school. Are there other ideas you may have to make it more convenient for parents to attend?

- Host rotating events (morning, mid day, evening) for working families
- Provide dinner or snacks options at events for families
- Advertise that childcare is available on flyers for events