

LITTLE RIVER SCHOOL

Go Beavers!

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Dear Parent(s),

Little River will receive Title 1 funding to support school programming. This letter is meant to explain what the Title 1 program means for Little River.

Title 1 refers to a federal grant program that distributes funds to schools proportionate to their percentage of students that receive free and reduced meals. The funds are targeted to assist schools in an effort to offset the potentially detracting effects of poverty or adverse economic conditions that can impact learning.

Title 1 began with the passage of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965. It was implemented to provide federal funding for schools to help students who are behind academically or at risk of falling behind due to the challenging impact of poverty or adverse economic conditions. The ESEA was the first major federal school aid initiative and a key component on President Johnson's War on Poverty. Over more than three decades, Title 1 has implemented many changes. The purpose of Title 1 of the ESEA of 1965, as amended by Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Act of 2015 is:

"to ensure that all children have a fair, equal and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging State academic achievement standards and state academic assessments."

The ESSA Act of 2015 is based on four principles that provide a framework wherein families, educators, and communities can work together to improve teaching and learning. These principles are: (a) accountability for results, (b) local control and flexibility, (c) expanded parental choice, and (d) effective and successful programs that reflect scientifically based research. Title 1 encourages school districts to consolidate federal funding to ensure academic achievement in eligible schools. Annually, DPS decides which schools receive Title1 funding. Funding is based on the number of low-income children in a school as reflected in the percentage of students receiving free and reduced meals.

The Title 1 Program is intended to help ensure that all children have the opportunity to obtain a high quality of education and reach grade-level proficiency. Title1 funds may help students who are behind academically or are at risk of falling behind. Title 1 funds can be used to hire additional teachers to reduce class size, offer tutoring services, create and maintain computer labs, offer opportunities for parental involvement activities, plan professional development, purchase materials and supplies, support prekindergarten programs, and hire teacher assistants or other school personnel. The Title 1 Program at Little River supports us by funding a teacher position, supporting professional development of teachers, supporting parent engagement activities and enhancing our efforts to focus supports for all of our learners.

I invite you to follow our School Improvement-Leadership (SIL) meetings so that you can learn more about how we are working to ensure that all Little River Beavers benefit from our Title I Program!

Please email or call me directly if you have questions.

Respectfully,

Cory Hogans, Ed.D.

The mission of Little River School is to provide an environment that values and educates the total child.

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