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AMS Spring Input

“Cultivating Pathways From Input To Impact”

When: Thursday, January 29, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM AMS Cafeteria

February 11, 2026

Meeting Summary

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Participants were invited to offer recommendations to ensure funds are used strategically to maximize impact, and to make suggestions on the said documents, if any, so that they will be indicated on the documents that will be reviewed in the Fall.

Closing & Evaluation

In closing, Ms. Hardy stated, as Parent Facilitator, she views the AMS Spring Input Meeting as more than a compliance requirement—it is a leadership opportunity to intentionally listen, learn,

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the I Parent Meeting was called to order by Ms. Lou Hardy, Parent Facilitator, and presided over by Mrs. Tracy Weston, ESP Teacher. Parents and community members were warmly welcomed, with light refreshments provided.

The purpose of the meeting was to inform families about the school's Title I program, requirements, and opportunities for involvement. The following key areas were covered:

- **Overview of Title I – Dr. P. Williams and Mr. Andre' Simmons explained what it means to be a Title I school and how the program benefits students.**
- **Use of Title I Funds – Discussion of how funds are allocated for instruction and Parent & Family Engagement.**
- **Schoolwide Participation & Goals – Mr. Martez Favis reviewed Albany Middle's Title I requirements, past and present initiatives, and outlined the schoolwide goals.**
- **Programs and Supports for Students – Dr. Shaunta' Whitfield-Orr highlighted resources and supports available to help all students succeed.**
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- **Teacher Qualifications & Parent Rights – Ms. Dawn Brown informed parents about teacher professional qualifications and parents’ “Right to Know.”**
- **Family Engagement Opportunities – Ms. Hardy emphasized opportunities for volunteering, decision-making, and parent meetings, encouraging active parent participation.**
- **Communication & Responsiveness – The administration team assured parents of the school’s commitment to open communication and provided staff contact information.**

The meeting closed with remarks from Ms. Hardy and Mr. Simmons, followed by evaluations. Parents were encouraged to ask questions throughout the session and reminded that their involvement is critical to student success.

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Perfect, thank you for clarifying. Here's a shorter, newsletter-style summary that includes the update about Mrs. Weston and Dr. Williams:

Albany Middle School Annual Title I Parent Meeting – At a Glance

Albany Middle School held its Annual Title I Parent Meeting with Ms. Lou Hardy, Parent Facilitator, presiding. Parents and community members were warmly welcomed and provided with light refreshments.

Key highlights included:

- **Overview of Title I – Ms. Hardy explained what it means to be a Title I school, how funds are used, and how the program supports students and families.**
- **Schoolwide Goals & Supports – Administrators shared academic goals, programs, and student supports in place to promote success.**
- **Curriculum & Testing – Parents received information about curriculum, state assessments (including WIDA ACCESS), proficiency expectations, and how to track student progress through the Parent Portal and SLDS.**
- **Parent & Family Engagement – Discussion of district and school policies, the School-Parent Compact, parent rights, and teacher qualifications.**
- **Opportunities for Involvement – Families were encouraged to participate through meetings, volunteer opportunities, and decision-making councils.**
- **Communication – Staff emphasized the school's commitment to open communication and provided contact information for questions or support.**

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All presenters were in attendance except Mrs. Tracy Weston and Dr. P. Williams, whose sections were covered by Ms. Hardy. Topics included:

- **What it means to be a Title I school and how funds are used.**
- **Albany Middle’s schoolwide goals, programs, and supports for students.**
- **Curriculum, state assessments (including WIDA ACCESS), and how parents can track progress through the Parent Portal and SLDS.**
- **Parent and Family Engagement policies, the School-Parent Compact, and parent rights.**
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**The meeting closed with
Andre' Simmons, Principal,
ongoing support and engagement.**

**remarks from Ms. Hardy and Mr.
along with thanks to parents for their**

Contact Information:

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- **Mr. Andre' Simmons – andre.simmons@docoschools.org**

Would you like me to also prepare a very short, one-paragraph blurb (almost like an announcement) for posting on your school's website or social media?

You too! Here's a short one-paragraph version you can use for a website or social media post:

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Albany Middle School held its Annual Title I Parent Meeting, led by Parent Facilitator Ms. Lou Hardy. Parents and community members learned about the school's Title I program, goals, curriculum, assessments, and family engagement opportunities. The session also highlighted how funds are used to support student achievement and how parents can stay connected through policies, volunteer opportunities, and open communication with staff. The meeting concluded with closing remarks from Ms. Hardy and Principal Mr. Andre' Simmons, thanking families for their continued support.

Would you like me to make this even shorter, in two or three sentences so it works as a quick social media caption?

September 2, 2025

Summary of the AMS Annual Title I Meeting

****AMS Annual Title I Meeting - "A Title I Journey"****

****Date & Time**:** August 28, 2025, at 5:30 PM

****Location**:** AMS Cafeteria

****Agenda Highlights**:**

****Welcome**:** Ms. Lou Hardy opened with a warm welcome to all attendees, with a special thank you to all the Community Partners: St. Paul Baptist Church, Mt. Early Baptist Church, and Medville Pharmacy. Stated that this meeting is for us to review what was revised during the Spring, February 12, 2025, during the AMS Spring Input Meeting, and that we need to focus on this meeting. If there are any comments parents would like to add, do so on the copies that have been provided and bring them back during our Spring Input meeting in 2026. Again, she thanked all for coming and that we

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would start our Annual Title I meeting, and that please help themselves with the refreshments provided in the back of the room. She asked all to please sign in, and that the School's Compact and Plan and other documents have been placed on each table by AMS Ambassadors, and they would find the district plan, along with the survey, which she will take up at the end of the meeting. The meeting was followed by the Agenda as printed.

****Overview of Title I****: Explanation of what Title I entails, its funding, schoolwide requirements, and goals by AMS staff, Mr. Andre' Simmons, Principal. ****Student Support and Assessments****: Information on school programs, curriculum, and key assessments, with details on how tests track student progress and expectations, by Mr. Martez Favis, AP.

****Parent Resources****: Guidance on accessing student data (SLDS), attendance, and performance history.

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****Professional Standards****: Information about teacher qualifications and parent rights, led by Mr. Jason Whatley, AP.

The Admin team discussed: How parents can contact school staff and what to expect in terms of responsiveness.

****Closing****: Ms. Hardy and Mr. Andre Simmons concluded the meeting, encouraged ongoing questions, and thanked attendees for participating. Ms. Hardy reminded parents/guardians to please complete the survey, take their documents home, and bring them back at the Spring Input meeting, if there are any other questions not about this meeting she will be available after the meeting to entertain their concerns to please see

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her before leaving or they could contact her via email; phone or visit her
Monday through Friday from 9-3:30 pm daily. Also if you don't have
a parent portal/infinite campus account please make contact with her. Don't forget to help
yourself with the refreshments, good night and be safe, and see you at the next meeting.

Ms. Lou Hardy, Parent Facilitator
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August 28, 2025

AMS Annual Title I Meeting

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I Title I Meeting – August 28

[School Name] invites all parents, families, and community members to join us for our Annual Title I Meeting on Wednesday, August 28, at [time] in the [location].

This important meeting will share how Title I funds support our students, review our Schoolwide Plan and School–Parent Compact, and explain how you can be involved in helping every child succeed. Your voice matters—together, we can build brighter futures for our students!

For more information, please contact [contact name] at [phone/email]

Hey AMS Family!

Mark your calendars  17 — Annual Title I Meeting is happening on Wednesday, August 28, at 5:30 pm in the Cafeteria

We'll talk about how Title I helps our students, share our Schoolwide Plan , review the School–Parent Compact , and show how YOU can be a part of our student success story.

 Your voice matters. Your presence makes a difference. Let's work together to build brighter futures! 

 Where: [location]

 When: August 28 – [time]

#TeamAMS #Title1 #SchoolFamily #ParentPower #BuildingFutures

 Something important is coming...

Parents, families, and community friends — get ready! 

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Our Annual Title I Meeting is

almost here!

 **Wednesday, August 28, 2025**
AMS Cafeteria at 5:30 pm

We will share our Schoolwide Plan, go over the School–Parent Compact, and show you how to be a key part of our students’ success. 💡

Stay tuned — you won’t want to miss this! ✨

#TeamAMS #Title1 #Beyond #Believe#Achieve

Here’s a short marquee/sign version that’s clear, catchy, and fits in a small space:

Annual Title I Meeting – Aug. 28, [Time] – Join Us to Build Brighter Futures!

Or, if you want something even snappier:

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Aug. 28 – Title I Meeting – Your

Voice Matters!

Do you want me to also give you three rotating marquee options so the message changes each day leading up to the meeting? That can help keep it fresh.

Annual Title I Parent Meeting

October 24, 2024

5:30 pm Cafeteria

August 20, 2025

Dear Pastor Barrett and Victory Tabernacle Family,

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As we embrace this school year, our theme is:

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With appreciation,

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August 20, 2025

Dear Rev. McDonald and Mt. Early Family,

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August 20, 2025

Dear Pastor Rollins and St. Paul Family,

On behalf of Albany Middle School, we are pleased to extend a warm invitation to you and your congregation to join us for our **Annual Title I Meeting on Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.** in the **Albany Middle School Cafeteria.**

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AGENDA

Presider-----**Ms. Tameeka Greene, ELA 8th Grade**

Welcome parents and community members! ---**Ms. Lou Hardy, Parent Facilitator**

We are glad to welcome you to our school's In-Person Title I Parent Meeting

This evening we will be reviewing and discussing our school's Title I program. We will cover the following items that are important to you as parents:

1. What is a Title I school? **Mrs. Tracey Weston, ESP Teacher**
2. How does our school spend Title I money? How is Title I Parent and Engagement money spent? **Mr. Andre' Simmons, Principal**
3. How does our school participate in the Title I Program? **Mr. Andre' Simmons, Principal**
4. What are our school's Title I (schoolwide or targeted assistance) requirements?

Mr. Martez Faves, AP 6th Grade

5. Albany Middle School Schoolwide Program – Past and Present
 - What are our schoolwide goals?
 - What programs/supports are in place to help my child?
 - What is the state's grades report for our school? **Dr. Shaunta Whitfield-Orr, AP 7th Grade**
6. What curriculum does our school use? **Mr. Martez Favis, AP 6th Grade**
7. Does my child's teacher meet professional qualifications? **Mr. Jason Whatley, AP 8th Grade**

What is a Parent's Right to Know

8. What tests will my child be taking (include WIDA ACCESS and Alternate Assessments)

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Dr. Shaunta' Whitfield-Orr, AP
How do these tests measure my
8th Grade

7th Grade
child's progress? **Mr. Jason Whatley, AP**

What proficiency levels is my child expected to meet? **Mr. Jason Whatley, AP 8th Grade**
How to access previous test performance, standards, and attendance about my child using
Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) through the school's parent portal (if applicable)

9. What is required by law for Parent and Family Engagement? **Ms. Lou Hardy, Parent Facilitator**

What is the district's Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

What is the school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

What is a School-Parent Compact?

10. What opportunities do the school provide for parent engagement? **Ms. Lou Hardy, Parent Facilitator**

List parent engagement opportunities offered for school or home

List volunteer opportunities

List parent decision-making opportunities/meetings/councils

11. How responsive will the school be to my questions when staff is contacted? **Mr. Andre' Simmons, Principal**

Provide staff contact information

12. Closing and evaluations. **Mr. Andr' Simmons /Ms. Lou Hardy**

We welcome parent questions/input throughout the presentation! We want to make sure you leave the meeting informed about the Title I program as well as the opportunities the school provides to get involved.

Thank you for coming! We hope to see you again very soon!

Lou Hardy, Parent Facilitator,

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October 28, 2024

Here's a summary of the AMS Annual Title I Meeting agenda:

****AMS Annual Title I Meeting - "Engage, Inspire, Achieve: Unlocking Student Potential"****

****Date & Time**:** October 24, 2024, at 5:30 PM

****Location**:** AMS Cafeteria

****Agenda Highlights**:**

****Welcome**:** Ms. Lou Hardy opens with a warm welcome and refreshments for attendees. She stated that this meeting is for us to review what was revised during the spring during our Input Meeting, and we need to focus on this meeting, if there are any comments they would like to add do so on the copies that had been provided and bring back during our Spring Input meeting. Again she thanked all for coming that we would start our Annual Title I meeting and that please help themselves with the refreshments provided in the back of the room. She asked all to please sign in, and that the following documents have been placed on each table by AMS Ambassadors and they would find the parent compact/plan and the district plan, along with the survey which she will take up at the end of the meeting. She turned the meeting over to our presider Ms. Tameeka Greene, 8th grade ELA teacher. Ms. Greene thanked all and she is ready to get the meeting started. Ms. Hardy rose and stated that we would break out into groups for the full discussion of our Title I meeting in order of the agenda.

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****Closing**:** Ms. Hardy and Mr. Andre Simmons concluded the meeting, encouraged ongoing questions, and thanked attendees for participating. Ms. Hardy reminded parents/guardians to please complete the survey, take their documents home, and bring them back at the SpringInput meeting, if there are any other questions not about this meeting she will be available after the meeting to entertain their concerns to please see her before leaving or they could contact her via email; phone or visit her Monday through Friday from 9-3:30 pm daily. Also if you don't have a parent portal/infinite campus account please make contact with her. Don't forget to help yourself with the refreshments, good night and be safe, and see you at the next meeting.

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October 7, 2024

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Please review Albany Middle School Family and Community Engagement (FACE) documents. Contact Ms. Lou Hardy via phone, at 229-431-3325, or by email at lou.hardy@docoschools.org if you have any questions.

FACE Documents (English/Spanish): School-Parent Compact and School Family Engagement Plan. Please complete the Signature Form to let us know that you have received the documents.

Thank you,

Ms. Lou Hardy, Parent Facilitator

Mr. Andre' Simmons, Principal

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Student Name _____

Date _____

Teachers/School Representative Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Albany Middle School Annual Title I Parent Meeting

“A Title I Journey”

August 28, 2025

September 2, 2025

Summary

The Annual Title I Parent Meeting was called to order and presided over by **Ms. Lou Hardy, Parent Facilitator**. Parents and community members were warmly welcomed, with light refreshments provided. She asked all to please sign in, and to please complete the evaluation after the meeting, and that she would take up the signed documents after the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to inform families about the school’s Title I program, requirements, and opportunities for involvement. The following key areas were covered:

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- **Overview of Title I** – Mr. Andre’ Simmons explained what it means to be a Title I school and how the program benefits students.
- **Use of Title I Funds** – Discussion of how funds are allocated for instruction and Parent & Family Engagement.
- **Schoolwide Participation & Goals** – Mr. Martez Favis reviewed Albany Middle’s Title I requirements, past and present initiatives, and outlined the schoolwide goals.
- **Programs and Supports for Students** – Dr. Shaunta’ Whitfield-Orr highlighted resources and supports available to help all students succeed.
- **Curriculum & Assessments** – Presenters shared information about the curriculum, upcoming tests (including WIDA ACCESS and alternate assessments), proficiency expectations, and how parents can track student progress using the Statewide
- Longitudinal Data System (SLDS).
- **Parent and Family Engagement** – Ms. Lou Hardy did the overview of the Albany Middle School’s Parent Compact and Family Engagement Policy. She informed parents that the District Family Engagement Plan can be found on the district website.
- **Teacher Qualifications & Parent Rights** – Ms. Dawn Brown informed parents about teacher professional qualifications and parents’ “Right to Know.”
- **Family Engagement Opportunities** – Ms. Hardy emphasized opportunities for volunteering, decision-making, and parent meetings, encouraging active parent participation.
- **Communication & Responsiveness** – The administration team assured parents of the school’s commitment to open communication and provided staff contact information.

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The meeting closed with **Simmons**, followed by remarks from **Ms. Hardy and Mr.** evaluations. Parents were encouraged to ask questions throughout the session and reminded that their involvement is critical to student success. There were no remarks from the attendees. Ms. Hardy and Mr. Simmons thanked all for attending with a special thank you to our Partners: St. Paul Baptist Church, Mt. Early Baptist Church, and Medville Pharmacy for their continued support. To the Parents, students, and staff, we cannot thank you enough. This was a Great meeting. Good night.

Ms. Lou Hardy, Parent Facilitator – lou.hardy@docoschools.org | 229-431-3325
Mr. Andre' Simmons, Principal – andre.simmons@docoschools.org

e, Ms. Shelia Girdner said no questions, she just wanted to thank you for all you do for the children. Mr. Michael Montgomery asked if there would be an afterschool program this year, and Mr. Whatley stated that we are in the process of getting it lined up, and it will be on the Remind communications, and to feel free to contact him at any time. No more questions for Mr. Whatley, he then turned the meeting back to Ms. Anthony. She called Ms. Hardy stood and asked if she would answer questions 9-10. Ms. Hardy again introduced herself, she asked if the audience would follow along with the copies of the Compact and Plan that she provided as they

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entered into the meeting. She parents, students and teachers and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. How this is developed is that during the Spring, around March we will hold this meeting to get suggested strategies from parents, teachers, and this is how we revise the compact and plan. She asked that parents to please read over and be

stated that the compact is an agreement that develop together. It explains how parents

ready for our Spring Input in March 2024. We asked parents to please be involved in not only curriculums but to please show up for all parent meetings, and to visit her or via email if needed. She also included in the package her hours of operation email or phone. There are many ways of communication: Attend school events, volunteer, attend parent-teacher conferences, active

parent portal, Remind, etc. The best form of communication is to actively be engaged in your child's education. Ms. Hardy stated that if no one has questions for her, she will turn the meeting back into the hands of Ms. Anthony.

Ms. Anthony, thanked all for coming out and for the opportunity to facilitate our Annual Title I meeting for 2023. She then turn the closing of the meeting back to Ms. Hardy, and Mr. Whatley. Ms. Hardy stated that she would take up the evaluation sheets as they exit, and to please make sure if you came in late to please sign in, and stand and give yourselves an applaud for coming out tonight and to give a big applause to the students that came out, our Ambassadors and all of our entertainers. Thank you Mrs. Weston, Ms. Anthony, Mrs. Mitchell, and Mr. Whatley, for your dedication for making holding up the torch. Both Ms. Hardy and Mr. Whatley thanked all for attending, our Annual Title I Meeting for 2023, to you AMS Champions, have a great rest of the evening and be safe, we will see you Tomorrow!

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Continuous Parent Communication

October 1-31- 2023

8:00-4:00 pm

November 1, 2023

This is an overall summary of October 2023 continuous parent communications. The parents are always greeted with a warm welcome, with an introduction. I then invited them to the Parent Center, in which, I ask each parent to please sign in on the communication log. My first talk was about the upcoming event, our Annual Title I meeting which will be held, October 26, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria. I asked if they had received the invitation that was sent home by their child, and they said yes. I stressed that it is vitally important to attend this meeting and all meetings if possible. I gave them the following documents: Title I ; compact/plan for them to read over more fully in their spare time, and to jot down questions and bring with them on the 26th. There were various communications from assisting with parent portal, remind, PTC, and about Title I program. All documents were distributed to each parent. I asked if anyone had any questions, and there were none. All said that everything went well, and was presented in an understandable manner, and glad to be a part of the AMS family. I told them if they should need or have any questions after they leave to please contact me. I

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provided all with a folder to
name and number written in
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each, and that I will be in my office from

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November 1, 2023

Title I Parent Meeting
“Leveling Up”
October 26, 2023
Continuous Communication
October 31, 2023

This message was sent out on Remind for the Parents/Guardians who was not able to attend the Annual Title I Meeting, Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 6:00 pm, that was held in the media center. This another form of communication to make sure that all had knowledge of Title I and its meaning. Documents attached.

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I thanked each one of them for their visit to the Middle, and let them know that we are Family and here to help. They were provided with my contact information.

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over to Ms. Hardy. She thanked all again, for coming and for their participation, and for all to complete the evaluation forms and to make sure that they all signed the sign in sheet.

She did the closing and took up the evaluation forms. The meeting was adjourned

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**School-Parent Compact/ School Family Plan
SIGNATURE SHEET**
*Albany Middle School
School Year 2024-2025
Revision Date 5/03/2024*

October 7, 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please review Albany Middle School Family and Community Engagement (FACE) documents.
Contact Ms. Lou Hardy via phone at 229-431-3325 or by email at lou.hardy@docoschools.org if
you have any questions.

FACE Documents (English/Spanish): School-Parent Compact and School Family Engagement
Plan. Please complete the Signature Form to let us know that you have received the documents.

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Thank you,

Ms. Lou Hardy, Parent Facilitator

Mr. Andre' Simmons, Principal

Welcome parents and community members!

We are glad to welcome you to our school's Title I Annual Parent Meeting. There are a few light refreshments in the back of the room, please help yourself. Also, if needed, childcare is available in room #. Please get your child signed in before the meeting begins. This evening we will be reviewing and discussing our school's Title I program. We will cover the following items that are important to you as parents:

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1. What is a Title I school?
2. How does our school spend Title I money?
3. How does our school participate in the Title I Program?
4. What are our school's Title I (schoolwide or targeted assistance) requirements?
5. What is our school's Designation Status?
 - What does this status mean?
6. (Insert school's name) Schoolwide Program – Past and Present
 - What are our schoolwide goals?
 - What programs/supports are in place to help my child? - Flexible Learning Program (if applicable) - List other school programs and supports to discuss
7. What curriculum does our school use?
8. What tests will my child be taking?
 - How do these tests measure my child's progress?
 - What proficiency levels is my child expected to meet?
9. What is required by law for parent involvement?
 - What is the district's Parent Involvement Policy?
- What is the school's Parent Involvement Policy?
- What is a School-Parent Compact?
10. Is my child's teacher highly qualified?
 - What is a parent's right to know?
11. What is ESEA Public School Choice? (If applicable)
12. How is Title I Parent Involvement money spent?
13. What opportunities does the school provide for parent involvement?
 - List parent engagement opportunities offered for school or home
 - List volunteer opportunities
 - List parent decision making opportunities/meetings/councils
14. How responsive will the school be to my questions when staff is contacted?
 - Provide staff contact information

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15. Closing and evaluations
throughout the presentation!

meeting informed about the Title I program as well as the opportunities the school provides to get involved. Thank you for coming! We hope to see you again very soon!

We welcome parent questions/input

We want to make sure you leave the