**MAINLAND HIGH SCHOOL Title I, Part A Parental Involvement**

!, Dr. Cheryl Salerno , do hereby certify that all facts, figures, and representations made in this application are true, correct, and consistent with the statement of assurances for these waivers. Furthermore, all applicable statutes, regulations, and procedures; administrative and programmatic requirements; and procedures for fiscal control and maintenance of records will be implemented to ensure proper accountability for the expenditure of funds on this project. All records necessary to substantiate these requirements will be available for review by appropriate state and federal staff. I further certify that all expenditures will be obligated on or after the effective date and prior to the termination date of the project. Disbursements will be reported only as appropriate to this project, and will not be used for matching funds on this or any special project, where prohibited.

**Assurances**

• The school will be governed by the statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities, and procedures in accordance with the definition outlined in Section

9101(32), ESEA;

Involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A in decisions about how Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement are spent [Section 1118(b)(1) and (c)(3)];

• Jointly develop/revise with parents the school parental involvement policy and distribute it to parents of participating children and make available the parental involvement plan to the local community [Section 1118 (b)(1)];

• Involve parents, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of programs under this part, including the planning, review, and improvement of the school parental involvement policy and the joint development of the school-wide program plan under section 1114(b)(2) [Section 1118(c)(3)];

• Use the findings of the parental involvement policy review to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary, the school's parental involvement policy [Section 1118(a)(E)];

• If the plan for Title I, Part A, developed under Section 1112, is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will submit parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to the local educational agency [Section 1118(b)(4)];

* Provide to each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the state assessment in at least mathematics, language arts, and reading [Section 1111(h)(6)(B)(i)];

• Provide each parent timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified within the meaning of the term in 34 CFR Section 200.56 [Section 1111(h)(6)(B)(ii)]; and

• Provide each parent timely notice information regarding their right to request information on the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals [Section (h)(6)(A)].

Signature of Principal or Designee Date Signed

**Mission Statement**

Parental Involvement Mission Statement (Optional)

**Response**: Mainland High School believes that positive parent/family involvement is essential to our students’ success in and out of the classroom, and thus encourages such involvement in all facets of the school.

**Involvement of** **Parents**

Describe how the school will involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely manner, in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs including involvement in the decisions regarding how funds for parental involvement will be used [Sections1118(c)(3), 1114(b)(2), and 1118(a)(2)(B)}.

**Response:** At Mainland High School, we know that parents, guardians, community members and businesses are the school’s greatest resources and assets. Our school’s most important partners, however, are the parents and guardians of our students. It has taken some time, but through the training of the staff to be sensitive to those who may feel uncomfortable coming to a public school, inviting the parents and guardians to several Parent Information Nights with dinner, Open House, and our own Buccaneer Extravaganza, we have been able to gain their trust and confidence. I often ask parents who participate on the many different parent organizations throughout the school for their help or their opinion on many, many different issues. Our most active parent organization is the School Advisory Council (SAC). The members of our SAC meet monthly – on the third Tuesday of every month and they play a huge role in the development and evaluation of school level plans – including the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and the Parent Involvement Plan (PIP) and the School-Parent Compact. The results of parent and other surveys are reviewed by the SAC to determine the ongoing effectiveness of all plans and any changes or adjustments that may be needed. In addition to SAC, we also have incorporated the following to achieve the desired results:

* Quarterly Parent Night events.
* Monthly Academy Advisory Board meetings.
* Parent conferences with guidance counselors
* A full time Title I Parent Liaison

**Coordination and Integration**

Describe how the school will coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities that teach parents how to help their children at home, to the extent feasible and appropriate, including but not limited to, other federal programs such as: Head Start, Early Reading First, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, public preschool, Title I, Part C, Title I, Title Ill Title IV, and Title VI {Section 11

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| **count** | **Program** |  **Coordination** |
| **1** | Title III | Additional support and resources provided by the school will be discussed with parents during the LEP committee meeting. The district ESOL Coordinator and staff provide ongoing support and Professional Development to teachers to ensure instructional best practices are utilized. Teachers consistently monitor the progress of ELL students to identify specific needs and to target interventions/enrichments to ensure the appropriate pathway toward graduation |
| **2** | Title X, Homeless | Title X Coordinator provides services to families to ensure that students have school supplies, community resources, and transportation |
| **3** | Title I, Part D | Transition plans are coordinated with the Department of Juvenile Justice with funds from the Neglected and Delinquent programs. |
| **4** | IDEA | Supplemental instruction support is provided by the school will be discussed with parents during the development of the students’ IEP |
| **5** | Title I, Part A | Supplemental tutoring before and /or after school. Supplemental materials and supplies needed to close the achievement gap. Supplemental funds for on-going staff development as determined by the results of the FCAT data |
| **6** | Title II | The district provides ongoing Professional Development in the core subject areas to ensure quality instruction and student success |
| **7** | (SAI) Academic Coaches | Academic Coaches provide support and Professional Development to teachers in how to assist students. |

**Annual Parent Meeting**

Describe the specific steps the school will take to conduct an annual meeting designed to inform parents of participating children about the school's Title I program, the nature of the Title I program (schoolwide or targeted assistance), Adequately Yearly Progress, school choice, supplemental educational services, and the rights of parents. Include timeline, persons responsible, and evidence the school will use to demonstrate the effectiveness of the activity [Section 1118(c)(1)].

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| **count** |  **Activity/Tasks** |  **Person Responsible** | **Timeline** | **Evidence of Effectiveness** |
| **1** | Choose the date and develop and disseminate information for the Title 1 Meeting | Leadership Team, Activities Director | Sept/OctDate set for Oct 29, 2015 | School website, Connect-ed, flyers, attendance at the event |
| **2** | Prepare the agenda and materials for the Title I Parent Meeting | Leadership Team, Teachers, Activity Director, Students | Oct 2015 | Agendas, PowerPoints, handouts, survey results |
| **3** | Train the school-based participants for their roles  | Leadership Team, Activities Director, SAC Chairperson and Parent Liaison | Sept./Oct2015 | Survey results |
| **4** | Market the event | Principal and Leadership Team | Sept/Oct2015 | Attendance at the event – sign-in sheets |
| **5** | Determine the success of the event | Principal and Leadership Team | Nov 2015 | Results of the parent survey |

**Flexible Parent Meetings**

Describe how the school will offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide with Title I funds, transportation, child care, or home visits, as such services related to parental involvement [Section1118(c)(2)].

**Response:** Frequent conferences held as requested by parents, teachers, students, or administration. Conferences have been held as early as 6:30 A.M., throughout the day and into the evening hours, depending on parents' availability. Telephone conference calls are also used if transportation is an issue. School administrators and a social worker visit homes as needed. In addition to those mentioned, Mainland High School will hold our annual “Back to School Night”, an AVID Open House, the Buccaneer Extravaganza, the annual meeting of freshmen parents, Academy Nights, Title I Parent Nights, SAC Meetings and many extra and co – curricular parent booster meetings.

**Building Capacity**

Describe how the school will implement activities that will build the capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement [Section

1118(e)]. Describe the actions the school will take to provide materials and training to help parents work

with their child to improve their child's academic achievement [Section 1118(e)(2)].1nc!ude information on how the school will provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under Section

1118 as parents may request [Section 1118(e)(14)].

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| **Count** | **Content and Type of Activity** | **Person Responsible** | **Correlation to Student Achievement** | **Timeline** | **Evidence of Effectiveness** |
| **1** | Parent Conferences | Guidance | Graduation requirements and four-year academic plan | Ongoing throughout school year | Graduation rate and academic achievement |
| **2** | Parent Information Nights | Administration, SAC, Title 1 Team | Academic strategies, Title 1 information, parenting tips | Open House plus October/Jan | Graduation rate and academic achievement |
| **3** | Open House and Annual Title 1 Meetings | Administration, Guidance, Teachers and Leadership Team | Provide parent strategies to increase student achievement and parent involvement/support | Sept 9Oct 29Jan 7Jan 21 | Graduation rate and academic achievement |
| **4** | AVID Parent Night | Administration, AVID Site Team | Explain the AVID program and curriculum and tips for the parents to support the students in the program | October 2015 | Handouts and presentation materials/agenda and exit commentaries |
| **5** | Pinnacle Gradebook Access | Gradebook Manager and other teacher leaders | Student achievement and parent involvement | Ongoing | Survey results |
| **6** | BUC Starts Here Parent Night | Administration, Program Teachers, designated counselor | Provide information to parents about this dropout prevention program, its goals, and individual appropriate academic plans for the student participants | Quarterly | Academic success of the individual participants |
| **7** | Link Parent Meeting | Link Crew Sponsor and Principal | Welcome the parents of the incoming freshmen, give overview of structures and offerings, important contact information, and share the mission and beliefs of the school | August 2015 | Exit Questions and comments |
| **8** | College Expo and Financial Assistance Informational Evening | Counselors and District Staff | Provide parents with pertinent information concerning applying to colleges and securing financial aid | October 13, 2015 | Event sign-in and survey information |

**Staff Training**

Describe the training the school will provide to educate the teachers, pupil services personnel, principals, and other staff in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between stakeholders and the schools.

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| **Count** | **Content and Type of**  **Activity** |  **Person****Responsible** | **Correlation to Student** **Achievement** | **Timeline** | **Evidence of****Effectiveness** |
| 1 | Collaborative Partnering – SAC presentation | SAC chair; Administrative team | Working with school personnel and learning effective strategies of communication | August 2015 | SAC minutes |
| 2 | Collaborative Partnering – PLC meetings | PLC members | Teachers working together to share best practices of communicating with parents | Weekly meetings from August through May | PLC minutes |
| 3 | Pinnacle Gradebook Parent Conferences Effective Feedback Strategies and Interventions | Administrative Team and Gradebook Manager | Working with parents; learning effective strategies of communication | August, 2015 through June 2016 | Sign in sheets; conference logs |

**Other Activities**

Describe the other activities, such as parent resource centers, the school will conduct to encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children [Section 1118 (e)(4)].

**Response:** Mainland High School has strategically placed computer kiosks with access to the internet in the main office, guidance suite area and the ESE office for parents to utilize in order to complete paperwork, check student grades, locate information, etc. The kiosks are available from 7AM-3PM, Monday through Friday. The school schedules special parent meetings for specific needs such as Rising Senior Conferences, College Expos for financial aid information, entering ninth grade parents and Senior Meetings. In addition to the regularly and specially scheduled meetings, Mainland High School’s parent liaison is located in the main office area Monday through Friday, 7AM-3PM. Mainland encourages parent input on a variety of matters through designed parent nights, Title 1 parent surveys, school climate surveys, SAC meetings, and other parent booster and support groups.

**Communication**

Describe how the school will provide parents of participating children the following [Section 1118(c)(4)]:

1118(c)(4)(A)];

• Timely information about the Title I programs [Section 1118(c)(4)(A)];

• Description and explanation of the curriculum at the school, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet [Section 1118(c)(4)(8)];

• If requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children[Section

1118(c)(4)(C)]; and

" If the school-wide program plan under Section 1114 (b)(2) is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will also submit the parents' comments on the plan that will be available to the local education agency [Section 1118(c)(5)].

**Response**: Mainland High School has several methods of communicating important information to parents in a timely manner. The *Buccaneer Scroll* is our quarterly newsletter that is mailed to all parents/guardians/students homes. Our school website is monitored by an experienced webmaster on our campus who reminds the contributors to update information weekly. The Connect-Ed technology sends phone messages instantly and then produces daily reports of each communication and every number called. Email is used and monitored for receipt – not only for message, but parents who give the Activities Director an email address receives the Daily Announcements given to the students every morning in school. The school marquee on the highway portrays the day’s specific message to the entire community and especially the parents who are picking up and dropping off their children at the school. In addition to the monthly School Advisory Council meetings, scheduled specific class meetings and conferences, parent information nights, booster club meetings, AVID informational nights, the school also participates in groups of school or district conferences that parents are invited to for the purpose of disseminating specific information to benefit the students and their families in support of character growth, health and wellness and increased student achievement. Such events and activities have agendas, sign-in sheets, and handouts associated with each event.

**Accessibility**

Describe how the school will provide full opportunities for participation in parental involvement activities for all parents (including parents with limited English proficiency, disabilities, and migratory children). Include how the school plans to share information related to school and parent programs, meetings, school reports, and other activities in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practical, in a language parents can understand [Section 1118(e)(5) and 1118(f)].

**Response**: All letters and communications created to disseminate information to parents will be provided in English, Spanish, and other pertinent languages as provided via the district office and upon parent request. In addition, several individuals on campus are fluent in a variety of languages and serve as interpreters for parents who struggle with English. Connect Ed technology allows us to send phone messages home in other languages and this is monitored by electronic reports each time a message is sent.

School and district sponsored functions that invite the students’ parents as spectators are also translated by an interpreter for the hearing impaired.

Handicap accessibility is provided in every building on campus

Parents with special needs are accommodated

**Discretionary Activities**

 Discretionary School Level Parental Involvement Policy Components Check if the school does not plan to implement discretionary parental involvement activities. Check all activities the school plans to implement

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| **count** |  **Activity** | **Implementation Strategy** | **Person Responsible** | **Impact on Student Achievement** | **Timeline** |
| **1** | Training parents to enhance the involvement of other parents [Section 1118(e)(9)] | Mainland’s Buccaneer ExtravaganzaQuarterly Parent Nights | Leadership Team and Activities Director | Parental support and involvement to increase student achievement | October –January2015-16 |
| **2** | Maximizing parental involvement and participation in their children’s education by arranging school meetings at a variety of times, or conducting in-home conferences between teachers or other educators who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend those conferences at school [Section 1118€ (10)] | Phone conferencesEarly morning and evening conferencesHome visits | School Personnel | Encourage parental involvement in spite of the barriers that prevent regular and general meetings with the families | August – May2015-16 |

**Upload Evidence of Input from Parents**

Upload evidence of parent input in the development of the plan. Uploaded Document

**Upload Parent-School Compact**

Note: As a component of the school-level parental involvement policy/plan, each school shall jointly develop, with parents for all children served under this part, a parent-school compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement Section 1118(d)].

Upload an electronic version of the Parent-School Compact. Uploaded Document

**Upload Evidence of Parent Involvement in Development of Parent-School**

**Compact**

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