## INDIAN RIVER ELEM. SCHOOL Title I, Part A Parental Involvement Plan

I, Carrie Crkvenac , 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 schoolwide 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)].

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| **Signature of Principal or Designee** | Date Signed |

**Mission Statement**

Parental Involvement Mission Statement (Optional)

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| **Response:** We the Indian River faculty, staff, students, and parents respectfully encourage each other to excel with enthusiasm, excitement, and energy as we responsibly explore the world around us. |

**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)].

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| **Response:** The School Advisory Council (SAC) meets every month and is responsible for the planning, review, and improvement of the Title I program. All parents are invited to be members of the Indian River Elementary SAC. SAC members provide input on the Parent Involvement Plan and the Title I budget, as well as all other plans related to school improvement. Parent surveys are also used to solicit parent input. Comments from parents are documented on SAC meeting minutes. |

**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 II, Title III, Title IV, and Title VI [Section 1118(e)(4)].

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| **count** | **Program** | **Coordination** |
| 1 | Title X, Homeless | Title X Coordinator provides services to families to ensure that students have school supplies, community resources, and transportation. |
| 2 | VPK | VPK works with our school staff to coordinate transition plans for students entering kindergarten. |
| 3 | Title 1, Part A | School provides after school tutoring using Title 1 Funds. |
| 4 | PTK - Parent to Kids | Title 1 funded program to teach parents how to help their child at home. |
| 5 | STAR- (Students and Teachers Achieving Results) | Parents receive information and are offered after school tutoring on a 4 to 1 ratio. |

**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 | Establish Annual Meeting date and activities | Principal | September 2015 | Date set on school calendar |
| 2 | Prepare agenda for Annual Meeting at Open House | Principal, SAC | September 2015 | Completion of agenda |
| 3 | Gather information on Title I such as brochures and Powerpoint outlining services | SAC Chairman | September 2015 | Information prepared for distribution |
| 4 | Train teachers about plans/goals of Open House/Title I Parent Meeting | Principal, Assisstant Principal | September 2015 | Faculty meeting minutes and comments |
| 5 | Advertise Open House/Title I Parent Meeting | Principal, Teachers | August, September 2015 | Number of attendees, newsletter, flyer, website, connect-ed message |

**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 [Section 1118(c)(2)].

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| **Response:** Workshops and meetings will be scheduled at different times to accommodate parents' varying schedules and availability. Meetings may be scheduled in the morning, afternoon, or evening. For example, activities such as Open House and Schoolwide family activities are held in the evening. Generally, SAC meetings are held in the evening. Child care may be provided for SAC. Input for the School Improvement Plan is solicited from parents; we schedule input times in the morning, afternoon, and evening to ensure that parents can participate. Teachers schedule conferences at different times to accommodate parents' varying schedules and availability. School social worker is utilized for home visits to provide parents without transportation access to information or documents which require signature. |

**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)].Include 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** | **Anticipated Impact on Student Achievement** | **Timeline** | **Evidence of Effectiveness** |
| 1 | Parent Training for SAC | SAC Chair, Principal | Increased parent knowledge of school's expectations, academic focus, and foster parent school partnerships | August 2015 | Sign-in Sheets |
| 2 | Student Academic Achievement Standards and Title 1 Program Information, Open House | Principal, School Staff | Provide information to parents on curriculum, grading, behavior, school and classroom expectations and rules, schedules | September 2015 | Title 1 Survey |
| 3 | FSA Parent Night | Teacher Facilitator(s) | Provide parents with the knowledge to accurately navigate the Volusia County VIMS Program on the web and provide parents with technology resources to support their students at home | January 2016 | Parent Exit Card |
| 4 | Dads Take Your Child to School Day | Academic Coaches, Teachers, Title 1 Liaison | Provide Dads with resources to support academic growth in students. | September 2015 | Parent Exit Card |
| 5 | Science Night | PTA, Teachers, SAC | Provide K-5 parents the opportunities to use hands-on activities to familiarize them with STEM concepts and real world applications | October/November 2015 | Parent Exit Card |
| 6 | Publix Math Night | Teachers, Academic Coaches, Title 1 Liaison | Provide parents and students with real-life, fun math activities | February 2016 | Parent Exit Card |
| 7 | Transition to Middle School | Guidance Counselor, 5th Grade Teachers | Familiarize parents with the expectations for middle school | April 2016 | Parent Exit Card |
| 8 | Author Night | Academic Coaches, Teachers, Title 1 Liaison | Familiarize parents with Florida State Standards and how they can assist their child and foster a love of learning. | March 2016 | Parent Exit Card |
| 9 | Bingo For Books and Teacher Supplies | PTA, Title 1 Liaison | To assist students in gathering resources and building a home library. | September 2015 | Parent Exit Card |
| 10 | Kindergarten Parent Night | Principal, Kindergarten Staff | Provide information to parents on curriculum, grading, behavior, school and classroom expectations as students transition. | August 2015 | Sign-in Sheets |

**Staff Training**

Describe the professional development activities 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 parents and schools [Section 1118(e)(3)].

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| **count** | **Content and Type of Activity** | **Person Responsible** | **Anticipated Impact on Student Achievement** | **Timeline** | **Evidence of Effectiveness** |
| 1 | Title I Program Overview | Principal, Title 1 Liaison | Teachers will gain knowledge and strategies to make use of Title 1 programs and services. | September 2015 | agenda, presentation materials, sign-in sheets |
| 2 | Title 1 Ongoing Information | Principal, Title 1 Liaison | Teachers will gain knowledge of any new resources or information. | School year 2015-2016 | agenda, presentation |
| 3 | Collaborative/Shared Decision Making | SAC Chairperson and Administration | Teachers and SAC team will learn the importance of making decisions by collaborating to enhance student achievement. | August/September 2015 | agenda, presentation |
| 4 | Volunteers and Business Partners | Administration | Teachers will gain knowledge on utilizing volunteers and business partners to enhance student achievement. | October 2015 | agenda, presentation |

**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)].

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| **Response:** Indian River Elementary holds numerous family activities throughout the year to encourage families to take an active interest in their child's education. "Meet the Teacher" and "Open House" are held in August and September. At these events, parents meet teachers and learn about curriculum and expectations for the year. Parents are encouraged to volunteer in the classroom and to join PTA. Information on Title I programs are shared at the Title I Annual Meeting using brochures and an informational power point. In September, Indian River will host an FSA training at the school about the Florida Assessments to teach parents how understand their child's academic expectations, achievements, struggles, and grades. In January Indian River will host Math Night. This will familiarize families of the new rigor of our standards. These events teach parents how to assist their children prepare for FSA and science FCAT. Parent resource materials are available in the Media Center and the guidance room. |

**Communication**

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

* 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)(B)];
* 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 schoolwide program plan under Section 1114 (b)(2) is not satisfactory to the parents of participating children, the school will include submit the parents’ comments with the plan that will be made available to the local education agency [Section 1118(c)(5)].

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| **Response:** Information about Title I programs will be provided through newsletters, booklets/brochures, and an informational PowerPoint shown during Annual Parent Meeting. The Title I Parent Involvement Plan brochure and Title I booklet are distributed at Open House. Curriculum and assessment information is shared by teachers at Open House, during parent teacher conferences, Pinnacle SRG system, and through newsletters. FSA and FCAT assessment information is sent home to parents via backpack and is also available on our website. Parents may provide input to the school via SAC and PTA meetings, interim reports, conferences, and climate survey. Parents can access information via the school web site, marquee, and through the Connect 5 calls/texts to each home. |

**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)].

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| **Response:** Information regarding parent participation is provided to parents via school website, connect 5 phone messages/texts, newsletters, parent/teacher conferences, student backpacks, workshops, and meetings. District information is available in English and Spanish. When requested, the District will provide a translator if school staff are not able to assist. Books and videos in Spanish are available in the Media Center. The newsletter is translated into Spanish upon request. Parents with special needs are accommodated. Indian River Elementary is handicapped accessible. |

**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** | **Description of Implementation Strategy** | **Person Responsible** | **Anticipated Impact on Student Achievement** | **Timeline** |
| 1 | Providing necessary literacy training for parents from Title I, Part A funds, if the LEA has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training [Section 1118(e)(7)]; and | Author Night (evening activity) | Academic Coaches, Teachers, Title 1 Liaison | Familiarize parents with Florida State Standards and how they can assist their child at home. | March 2016 |
| 2 | Training parents to enhance the involvement of other parents [Section 1118(e)(9)]; | Parent named as representative to DAC. Said parent(s) will attend district meetings to obtain information and provide information and input back to SAC. | April Michalowski/Linda Negedly-Bubb | Facilitate communication with other parents | Ongoing monthly awareness of academic programs and suport |
| 3 | 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(e)(10)]; | Social Worker home visits | Social Worker | Facilitate communication between home and school. | As needed |

**Upload Evidence of Input from Parents**

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

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| [Uploaded Document](file:///C:\Users\clcrkven\Downloads\fileUploads\643651_2015-2016_uploadEvidenceParentInput.pdf) |

**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.

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

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Upload evidence of parent input in the development of the compact.

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## Evaluation of the previous year's Parental Involvement Plan

**Building Capacity Summary**

Provide a summary of activities provided during the previous school year that were designed to build the capacity of parents to help their children [Section 1118 (e)(1-2)]. Include participation data on the Title I annual meeting.

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| **count** | **Content and Type of Activity** | **Number of Activities** | **Number of Participants** | **Anticipated Impact on Student Achievement** |
| 1 | Manatee Math Matters | 1 | 67 | Familiarize parents with Florida State Standards and how they can assist their child at home. |
| 2 | Publix Math Night | 1 | 120 | Parent/child participation into real world science and math. |
| 3 | VIMS Technology Night | 1 | 1 | Provide parents with the knowledge to accuratly navigate the Volusia County VIMS Program on the web and provide parents with technology resources to support their students at home. |
| 4 | Title 1 Annual Meeting and Open House | 1 | 400 | Provide information to parents on curriculum, grading, behavior, school/classroom expectations, rules, and schedules. |

**Staff Training Summary**

Provide a summary of the professional development activities provided by the school during the previous school year to educate staff on the value and utility of contributions of parents; how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners; the implementation and coordination of parent programs; and how to build ties between parents and the school [Section 1118 (e)(3)].

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| **count** | **Content and Type of Activity** | **Number of Activities** | **Number of Participants** | **Anticipated Impact on Student Achievement** |
| 1 | Title 1 Program Overview | 1 | 80 | Teachers gained knowledge and strategies to make use of Title 1 programs and services. |
| 2 | Title 1 Ongoing Information | 3 | 240 | Teachers will gain knowledge of any new resources or information. |

**Barriers**

Describe the barriers that hindered participation by parents during the previous school year in parental involvement activities. Include the steps the school will take during the upcoming school year to overcome the barriers (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background) [Section 1118(a)(E)].

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| **count** | **Barrier (Including the Specific Subgroup)** | **Steps the School will Take to Overcome** |
| 1 | Time | Offer varied times for activities and meetings. |
| 2 | Transportation | Offer bus passes |
| 3 | Child Care | Offer babysitting services at school. |

**Best Practices (Optional)**

Describe the parental involvement activity/strategy the school implemented during the previous schoool year that the school considers the most effective. This information may be shared with other LEAs and schools as a best practice. (Optional)

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