## FRIENDSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Title I, Part A Parental Involvement Plan

I, Cristina Raimundo , 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:** Friendship Elementary believes that parent involvement is essential to student achievement. The Parent Involvement Plan strengthens our partnership with parents as we work together to teach children. At Friendship Elementary, we know that through the collaborative efforts of all people who support our students, we will continue to excel at teaching the skills that children need to be productive members of society. |

**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 once a month and is responsible for the planning, review, and improvement of the Title I program. All parents are invited to be members of the Friendship 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 I, Part A | Under Title I Part A our school works with outside agencies that provide specific services to targeted children and their families. These organizations team with our school to provide specific services to students, parents, and staff, including all special needs groups.  |
| 2 | Title I, Part C- Migrant | The District Migrant Education Program Coordinator, Migrant Advocates and Migrant Recruiters work together to provide services and support to the migrant students and their parents. The MEP Coordinator works with Title I and other programs to ensure student needs are met. |
| 3 | Title I, Part D | The district receives funds to support the N & D programs to accelerate the rate of student achievement and close the achievement gaps for students in these programs. Services are coordinated with district DJJ and Neglected programs. Students are transitioned from DJJ centers back into the district schools with a transition plan to ensure academic and social success. |
| 4 | Title II | The district provides ongoing Professional Development in the core subject areas to ensure quality instruction and student success. |
| 5 | Title III | The District ESOL Coordinator and staff provide ongoing support and Professional Development to teachers to ensure instructional best practices are utilized. Teachers consistently progress monitor the ELL students to identify specific needs, target interventions/enrichments to ensure the appropriate pathway toward graduation. |
| 6 | Title X- Homeless | The school works closely with Pam Woods, Title X Coordinator, to ensure that homeless students have the materials and resources they need to be successful.  |
| 7 | Supplemental Academic Instruction (SAI) | The district provides remedial and supplemental instructional resources to students who fail to meet performance levels.  |
| 8 | Violence Prevention Programs | The school offers non-violence and anti-drug programs such as Bullying program, Peer Conflict/Conflict Resolution program, Student Mentoring program, Peer Mediation program, and monthly Guidance lessons. |
| 9 | Nutrition Programs | Friendship Elementary offers a variety of nutrition programs including a Free and Reduced Meal Plan, Free Breakfast and Dinner, Wellness Policy School Plan, Nutrition Committee, Health and Personal Fitness Lessons. |
| 10 | Parent to Kids | Provides reading instruction to parents and students in our community by highly qualified teachers in both English and Spanish. Over five week session's parents learn how to build a reading foundation to use at home to build home literacy skills.  |
| 11 | ELL Tutoring | The school provides tutoring to ELL students. This provides the ELL students with additional academic support. ELL parents meet at least twice annually. |
| 12 | Olweus | Bulling Prevention Program that involves members of our school, parents and community to educate students on Bully Prevention techniques. This is an iniative that involves schools that directly feed into Galaxy Middle School. This year the program will be fully implemented school-wide. |

**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 Title I Meeting date | Principal, Assistant Principal | September 14, 2016 | Date set on school calendar, Connect Ed |
| 2 | Prepare agenda for Annual Title I Meeting | Principal, Assistant Principal | September 2016 | Completion of agenda |
| 3 | Gather information on Title I and school data | Principal, Assistant Principal, Math & Reading Coach | June-September 2016 | Information prepared for distribution |
| 4 | Inform teachers about plans/goals of the Annual Title I meeting | Principal & Assistant Principal | August 2016 | Faculty Meeting Agenda |
| 5 | Advertise the Annual I Title I meeting | Principal, Assistant Principal, Teachers | September 2016 | Number of attendees, School newsletter, Flyer, Connect-Ed message |
| 6 | Host the Annual Title I Parent Meeting | Principal & Assistant Principal | September 14, 2016 | Title I 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 [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 Curriculum Nights are held in the evening. Generally, SAC meetings and PTO meetings are held after school. This year we utilized a survey to determine best times for the meetings as a result we will offer a SAC/PTO meeting later in the evening to accommodate working families. Child care is provided for both PTO and SAC. Input for the School Improvement Plan is solicited from parents; we schedule input and vote on the times and go with when the majority of parents can attend.  |

**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 | Student Academic Achievement Standards and Title I Program Information at Open House, PTO meetings, SAC meetings, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Parent Survey on School Uniform | School Staff | Provide information to parents on expectations and how parents can help their children | September 14, 2016 | Sign-in sheets, Title I Survey |
| 2 | Parent to Kids workshop | School Staff | Provide parents with strategies to increase family literacy | Spring 2017 | Parent program evaluations |
| 3 | SAC Membership Training | School Staff | Increase parent knowledge of academic expectations and foster parent/school partnerships | September 2016- May 2017 | Post tests, program evaluations, Title I survey |
| 4 | Dad Take Your Child to School Day | School Counselor and Parenting Paraprofessional | Provide male role models an opportunity to visit the school and become involved in their childs education | September 28, 2016 | Exit Cards & Surveys |
| 5 | Science Technology Night | Academic Coach and Administration | Provide information to parents on expecations and activities to use to help their child at home. | October 20, 2016 | Exit Cards & Surveys |
| 6 | OLWEUS Bullying Prevention Program | Assistant Principal and Guidance Counselor | Provide parents with an overview of the Bullying Prevention iniative at Friendship.  | 2016-2017 | Climate Surveys |
| 7 | Literacy, Math & Tech Night | Academic Coach and Administration | Provide information to parents on expecations and activities to use to help their child at home | November 10, 2016 | Exit Cards & Surveys |
| 8 | One Book, One School  | Media Specialist | Provide parents and community members with the opportunity to participate in Literacy Activities. | January 23-27, 2017 | Exit Cards & Surveys |
| 9 | Springing into the Arts Night | Special Area Teachers | Provide parents with the opportunity to enjoy student art work and a music performance.  | May 10, 2017 | Exit Cards & Surveys |

**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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| 1 | RtI-B & ePST | Academic Coach, School Social Worker, School Psyhcologist | Provide teachers with strategies and interventions when dealing with difficult students. | 2016-2017 | Reduction in Discipline Referrals. |
| 2 | Math- Using Curriculum Map to Guide Instruction | Academic Coach, Math Specialist | Provide teachers with an indepth look into the Math Standards taught in each grade level. | 2016-2017 | Increase in FCAT Math scores. |
| 3 | Data Articulations | Academic Coach and Administration | Provide teachers the opportunity to analyze data to group students by skills to meet their instructional needs. | 2016-2017 | Increase in student achievement as documented  |
| 4 | Data Analysis | SLT and Administration | Provide teachers the opportunity to meet with school administrators to discuss needs of low performing students, average students and students in need of enrichment. | 2016-2017 | Increase in student achievement. |
| 5 | SIPPS | Reading Intervention Teacher & District ELA Specialist | Provide teachers with instruction on how to teach students how to phonetically read text. | 2016-2017 | Increase in Reading fluency. |
| 6 | DRA | Reading Coach | Provide teachers on how to give DRA's to students. | 2016-2017 | Increase in Reading Comprehension & Fluency |
| 7 | iPad Technology | Media Specialist | Provide teachers with instruction in different technology usages. | 2016-2017 | Increase in usage of Technology among staff, students and parents |
| 8 | VIMS | Academic Coach | Provide teachers with instruction in new the new grade book and attendance process, which parents will be able to access online. | 2016-2017 | Student data |
| 9 | Blended Learning | District Teacher on Assignment | Provide teachers with technology integration for integration | 2016-2017 | Increase in student achievement in Math, ELA and Science. |
| 10 | Ready Reading, Ready Writing | District ELA Specialist | Provide teachers with a Writing Curriculum that aligns with the Florida Standards. | 2016-2017 | Increas in student acheivement in ELA on district assessments. |
| 11 | Success Maker Data Analysis | District Teacher on Assignment | Provide teachers with instruction on how to analyze and read student reports from Success Maker in Reading and Math.  | 2016-2017 | Increase in students Math and ELA on district assessments.  |
| 12 | The Shifts- ELA & Math | District Specialist, Friendship Staff trained on the Shifts | Provide teachers with information on the Shifts and how to implement in the classroom. | 2016-2017 | Increase in student achievement in ELA and Math. |

**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:** Friendship Elementary will hold numerous family activities throughout the year to encourage families to take an active interest in their child's education. Meet the Teacher, Muffins with Mom, Donuts with Dad, Open House and Dad Take You Child to School Day 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 PTO and SAC. Information on Title I programs are shared at the Open House, SAC meetings, and PTO meetings. Friendship Elementary hosts the "Parents to Kids" literacy program for families every year. During the school year, Friendship Elementary hosts Curriculum days for our Academic Parent Teacher Teams. Friendship Elementary will be invited out to attend several curriculum nights during the 2016-2017 School Year. These Include: October 20, 2016 Science Night; November 10, 2016 Literacy, Math & Tech Night; January 23-27, 2017 Literacy Week; and May 10, 2017 Springing into the Arts. |

**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 Connect Ed phone calls, newsletters, booklets/brochures, during Open House, SAC meetings, and PTO meetings. The Title I Parent Involvement Plan brochure and Title I booklet are sent home with each student via backpack. Curriculum and assessment information is shared by teachers at Open House, during parent teacher conferences, and through newsletters. FSA & 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 parent input forms, interim reports, and student report cards. Parents in grades K-2 are also informed through our Parent to Kid Literacy Activities that will be held in the Spring 2017.  |

**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 Ed phone messages, 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 in Spanish are available through the Media Center and the ESOL Department. ESOL paraprofessionals translate information for parents over the phone and at conferences. The newsletter is translated into Spanish. There is a Parent Leadership Committee meeting for parents of ELL students. The Parents-to-Kids program is offered yearly in English and Spanish. Friendship 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 | Parent to Kids Literacy Program-provides literacy training to parents to help their children learn to read | Teacher and Facilitator | Provide information on how parents can help their children with reading | Spring 2017 |

**Upload Evidence of Input from Parents**

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

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**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**

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 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 | Meet the Teacher | 1 | 334 | Provide information to parents on expectations and how parents can help their children |
| 2 | Open House/ Title I Meeting | 1 | 263 | Provide information to parents on expectations and how parents can help their children |
| 3 | Parent to Kid Literacy Nights | 5 | 16 | Provide parents with strategies to increase family literacy |
| 4 | Kindergarten Orientation | 1 | 25 | Provide parents with Kindergarten expectations and standards. |
| 5 | ESOL Parent Meeting | 1 | 10 | Provide parents with strategies to increase family literacy, math and science |
| 6 | SAC Membership Training | 8 | 14 | Increase parent knowledge of academic expectations and foster parent/school partnerships |
| 7 | APTT | 1 | 37 | Provide parents with strategies on how to work with their child on reading and math skills. |
| 8 | Winter Concert | 1 | 113 | Provide parents with the opportunity to see what their child is doing in PE, Art and Music |
| 9 | Science Night | 1 | 195 | Provide parents and students with an opportunity to do hands on Science Avtivities. |
| 10 | Dads Take Your Child to School Day | 1 | 50 | Provide dads with an opportunity to bring their child to school to promote parent involvement.  |
| 11 | President's Award Breakfast | 1 | 170 | Provide parents with an opportunity to celebrate their child's success in one of 3 areas: Honor Roll, Academic Honors and Citizenship. |
| 12 | Storybook Parade | 1 | 40 | To promote literacy skills amongst students and an opportunity to celebrate their favorite book.  |

**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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**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** |

**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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| **count** | **Content/Purpose** | **Description of the Activity** |