**Building Capacity**

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| **Count** | **Content and**  **Activity** | **Person Responsible** | **Anticipated Impact on Student Achievement** | **Timeline** | **Evidence of Effectiveness** |
| 1 | Parent Portal Training-Parents will be given the opportunity at Open House to become familiar with online portals, such as FOCUS and Accelerated Reader | Curriculum Coach | Parental Involvement is the most influential factor on student achievement. By informing parents of our online connections, parents will be better able to advance their child in their education. | August 2017 | Sign in Sheet, Number of hits on Focus throughout the year. |
| 2 | Newsletter, Monthly Calendar on Website, Teacher Email Addresses on Website | Media Specialist | Improve impact with parents by providing information that is necessary for their child’s success. | September  2017-May 2018 | Number of hits on the website, Number of emails that teachers are receiving from parents. |
| 3 | 6th Grade Parent Night where parents can discuss the transition to middle school | Principal | Parents will be aware of the challenges many 6th graders face when making the transition to middle school. They will become aware of the curriculum and grade level expectations. | September 2017 | Sign-in Sheets |
| 4 | Doughnuts for Dads | Curriculum Coach | Increase parent involvement which will in turn promote student achievement. | November 2017 | Sign-in Sheets |

In an effort to build meaningful parent, family, and community involvement, Blountstown Middle School will implement the activities listed below for the 2017-2018 school year. These activities will be focused on increasing student achievement with the support of the family and the community.

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| 5 | Veteran’s Day Program | Social Studies Teachers | A Veteran’s Day program will be held to honor family members and friends of students at Blountstown Middle School. Parents and community members will be invited to speak which will show students their willingness to support them. | November 2017 | Sign-in Sheets |
| 6 | Art Show | Art Teacher | The art teacher will showcase students work from throughout the year and invite families and the community to support the artists at BMS. | May 2018 | Sign-in Sheets |
| 7 | Muffins for Moms | Curriculum Coach | Mothers/Grandmothers will be invited to have muffins and read magazines, poetry, etc. with their child to promote an interest in reading. | May 2018 | Sign-in Sheets |
| 8 | Call-outs | Assistant Principal | Call-outs will be made to keep parents informed of upcoming events or important information. | August 2017-May 2018 | # of Parents reached through Call-outs. |

In addition to these activities, parents will be given a pamphlet at the beginning of the school year that will provide information concerning how they can best help their child be successful in middle school. We will also partner with Panhandle Area Educational Consortium and provide classes for upcoming 5th grade students and their parents, as well as current 6th grades students and parents, to help ease the transition from elementary school to middle school. This will promote parent/family engagement throughout the child’s years at BMS.

**Other Activities**

Blountstown Middle School strives to be a family-friendly school and welcomes parents and the community in order to provide the best possible education for each and every child who comes through our doors. A Parent Resource Center, which offers a variety of information, is available in the Guidance office. Parents are encouraged to use this resource whenever needed. Blountstown Middle School will also host an annual Book Fair, in which parents can come and view books, read books, etc. with their child. By doing this, parents are reinforcing the importance of reading, which in turn positively impacts a child’s education.

**Building Capacity Summary**

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| Count | Type of Activity | Number of Activities | Number of Participants | Anticipated Impact on Student Achievement |
| 1 | Title 1 Meeting/Open House | 1 | 175 | Parents will be informed of ways to stay connected with their child’s education |
| 2 | Newsletters | 10 | 250 | Provide parents with ways to help their child be successful in school. |
| 3 | 6th Grade Parent Night | 1 | 30 | Parents will be aware of challenges many 6th graders face when transitioning to middle school. |
| 4 | Monthly Calendar on School Website | 10 | 250 | Improve communication with parents by providing information necessary for their child’s success. |