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

I, Tracy Downing , 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:** South Elementary School's mission is to help our students establish a solid academic foundation on which the building blocks of learning can be erected. We instill in our students a sense of respect for personal property and a sense of respect for community responsibility. Our students will leave South Elementary School equipped with the skills they need to successfully transition to higher education.  |

**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:** At South Elementary School, We will involve parents in our Title 1 meetings, PTO, SAC, and Parent Involvement Meetings. We look forward to inviting parents to participate in the above activities using one or more of the following: newsletters, automated calls, Monday Memos, and facebook.  |

**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 | Annual Title 1 Parent Meeting | This meeting will be held on September 1, 2015.  |
| 2 | Literacy First | Title I money will be spent to provide Literacy First training, Literacy First Coaching, and Literacy First resource books for our teachers.  |

**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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| 1 | Title I Annual Meeting | Tracy Downing | September 1, 2015 | Attendance sign in sheets |

**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:** We will offer parental involvement activities on a monthly basis with the exception of the month FSA takes place. We will offer parents the opportunity to visit with their child's teacher at any time during each week. We will communicate each week in one or more of the following ways:the Monday Memo, with our agendas, via email, and/or by phone. The parental involvement events will all be held at 5:30 p.m. this year given feedback from our parents last year. Our extended day makes it difficult for parents to attend our meetings at 6:00 p.m. so it was requested we hold our meetings at 5:30 so they could come directly after school instead of going home first and coming back. |

**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 | Kindergarten Open House | Prin, AP, Kinder Grade Chair | Parents will be invited in English and Spanish with the intention of providing them with information that they can use at home to support the educational process at home.  | 9/1/15 | The evidence of the effectiveness of our parental involvement activities will be determined by a triangulation of improved performance data: iReady data, Literacy First Assessment data, and grades.  |
| 2 | Home Trick and Treat | Prin, AP, PI Team | Parents will be invited in English and Spanish with the intention of providing them with information that they can use at home to support the educational process at home.  | 10/27/15 | The evidence of the effectiveness of our parental involvement activities will be determined by a triangulation of improved performance data: iReady data, Literacy First Assessment data, and grades.  |
| 3 | Our International Home | Prin, AP, PI Team | Parents will be invited in English and Spanish with the intention of providing them with information that they can use at home to support the educational process at home.  | 11/17/15 | The evidence of the effectiveness of our parental involvement activities will be determined by a triangulation of improved performance data: iReady data, Literacy First Assessment data, and grades.  |
| 4 | Winter Carnival | Prin, AP, PI Team | Parents will be invited in English and Spanish with the intention of providing them with information that they can use at home to support the educational process at home.  | 12/11/15 | The evidence of the effectiveness of our parental involvement activities will be determined by a triangulation of improved performance data: iReady data, Literacy First Assessment data, and grades.  |
| 5 | Math Olympics | Prin, AP, PI Team | Parents will be invited in English and Spanish with the intention of providing them with information that they can use at home to support the educational process at home.  | 1/26/16 | The evidence of the effectiveness of our parental involvement activities will be determined by a triangulation of improved performance data: iReady data, Literacy First Assessment data, and grades.  |
| 6 | FSA Family Fun and Food | Prin, AP, PI Team | Parents will be invited in English and Spanish with the intention of providing them with information that they can use at home to support the educational process at home.  | 2/23/16 | The evidence of the effectiveness of our parental involvement activities will be determined by a triangulation of improved performance data: iReady data, Literacy First Assessment data, and grades.  |
| 7 | Literacy Luau and Food | Prin, AP, PI Team | Parents will be invited in English and Spanish with the intention of providing them with information that they can use at home to support the educational process at home.  | 4/26/16 | The evidence of the effectiveness of our parental involvement activities will be determined by a triangulation of improved performance data: iReady data, Literacy First Assessment data, and grades.  |
| 8 | Science Fair and Book Fair | Prin, AP, PI Team | Parents will be invited in English and Spanish with the intention of providing them with information that they can use at home to support the educational process at home.  | 5/17/16 | The evidence of the effectiveness of our parental involvement activities will be determined by a triangulation of improved performance data: iReady data, Literacy First Assessment data, and grades.  |

**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 | Literacy First for 3rd-5th Grade: "Overview of Effective Instruction: AOL, ALT, Components of Reading Block, ISS (Lessons 1-5, 8-11) Fluency Assessment (Lessons 1-9) Spelling Inventory (Lessons 1-2) MIRP  | Principal and Literacy First Consultant | "3-5 Binder Tabs: Overview of Effective Instruction, Fluency, Word Study Resource Books: The Fluent Reader Words Their Way 5th Ed. Words Their Way: Word Sorts Phonics A -Z Teaching Phonics and Word Study" | 8/5/15 | The Coaching Day is designed to determine the effectiveness of the professional development day. During the Coaching Day, the paid Literacy First Consultant tours the classrooms ensuring the implementation of the research based instructional practice. During the parental involvement activities, parents are informed of the practice and how it impacts student achievement. Parents are invited to participate and give input. |
| 2 | Literacy First for K-2: "3-5 Binder Tabs: Overview of Effective Instruction, Fluency, Word Study Resource Books: The Fluent Reader Words Their Way 5th Ed. Words Their Way: Word Sorts Phonics A -Z Teaching Phonics and Word Study" | Principal and Literacy First Consultant | "K-2 Binder Tabs: Overview of Effective Instruction, Phonological Awareness, Word Study, Differentiated Instruction Resource Books: Pump Up The Volume Interventions For All; PA Phonics A-Z Easy Lessons/Word Families Literacy Work Stations Words Their Way 5th Ed. Words Their Way: Within a Word Resource Material at School: PA Kits, Assessment Kits " | 8/6/15 | The Coaching Day is designed to determine the effectiveness of the professional development day. During the Coaching Day, the paid Literacy First Consultant tours the classrooms ensuring the implementation of the research based instructional practice. During the parental involvement activities, parents are informed of the practice and how it impacts student achievement. Parents are invited to participate and give input. |
| 3 | "Carry-Over Prof. Dev. Day K-5 teachers who did not attend on 8/5 or 8/6 " | Principal and Literacy First Consultant | "K-2 Binder Tabs: Overview of Effective Instruction, Phonological Awareness, Word Study 3-5 Binder Tabs: Overview of Effective Instruction, Fluency, Word Study Resource Books: Same as those listed for 8/5/15 and 8/6/15 Resource Material at School: PA Kits, Assessment Kits" | 8/27/15 | The Coaching Day is designed to determine the effectiveness of the professional development day. During the Coaching Day, the paid Literacy First Consultant tours the classrooms ensuring the implementation of the research based instructional practice. During the parental involvement activities, parents are informed of the practice and how it impacts student achievement. Parents are invited to participate and give input. |
| 4 | Coaching Day | Principal and Literacy First Consultant | Improved Teaching  | 9/10/15 | The Coaching Day is designed to determine the effectiveness of the professional development day. During the Coaching Day, the paid Literacy First Consultant tours the classrooms ensuring the implementation of the research based instructional practice. During the parental involvement activities, parents are informed of the practice and how it impacts student achievement. Parents are invited to participate and give input. |
| 5 | "Prof. Dev. Day 3 K-2nd " | Principal and Literacy First Consultant | "Review Activity Differentiated Instruction: Flex Group Overview, Planning for Literacy Stations (PA & Listening) Word Study (Phonics) Vocabulary (MIRP included)" | 9/21/15 | The Coaching Day is designed to determine the effectiveness of the professional development day. During the Coaching Day, the paid Literacy First Consultant tours the classrooms ensuring the implementation of the research based instructional practice. During the parental involvement activities, parents are informed of the practice and how it impacts student achievement. Parents are invited to participate and give input. |
| 6 | "Prof. Dev. Day 4 3rd-5th" | Principal and Literacy First Consultant | "Review Activity Word Study (Lessons 3-9 w/chapter 3 gallery walk) Differentiated Instruction Vocabulary (MIRP included)" | 10/19/15 | The Coaching Day is designed to determine the effectiveness of the professional development day. During the Coaching Day, the paid Literacy First Consultant tours the classrooms ensuring the implementation of the research based instructional practice. During the parental involvement activities, parents are informed of the practice and how it impacts student achievement. Parents are invited to participate and give input. |
| 7 | Coaching Day | Principal and Literacy First Consultant | Improved Teaching  | 11/16/15 | The Coaching Day is designed to determine the effectiveness of the professional development day. During the Coaching Day, the paid Literacy First Consultant tours the classrooms ensuring the implementation of the research based instructional practice. During the parental involvement activities, parents are informed of the practice and how it impacts student achievement. Parents are invited to participate and give input. |
| 8 | Coaching Day | Principal and Literacy First Consultant | Improved Teaching  | 12/14/15 | The Coaching Day is designed to determine the effectiveness of the professional development day. During the Coaching Day, the paid Literacy First Consultant tours the classrooms ensuring the implementation of the research based instructional practice. During the parental involvement activities, parents are informed of the practice and how it impacts student achievement. Parents are invited to participate and give input. |
| 9 | "Prof. Dev. Day 5 K-2nd" | Principal and Literacy First Consultant | "Review Activity Differentiated Instruction Word Study: Walls that Teach Vocabulary " | 1/25/16 | The Coaching Day is designed to determine the effectiveness of the professional development day. During the Coaching Day, the paid Literacy First Consultant tours the classrooms ensuring the implementation of the research based instructional practice. During the parental involvement activities, parents are informed of the practice and how it impacts student achievement. Parents are invited to participate and give input. |
| 10 | "Prof. Dev. Day 6 3rd-5th" | Principal and Literacy First Consultant | "Review Activity Differentiated Instruction Vocabulary Comprehension Overview, BSW, Summarizing, Inferencing, QAR(Lessons 1-3, 6)" | 1/16/16 | The Coaching Day is designed to determine the effectiveness of the professional development day. During the Coaching Day, the paid Literacy First Consultant tours the classrooms ensuring the implementation of the research based instructional practice. During the parental involvement activities, parents are informed of the practice and how it impacts student achievement. Parents are invited to participate and give input. |
| 11 | Coaching Day | Principal and Literacy First Consultant | Improved Teaching  | 2/18/16 | The Coaching Day is designed to determine the effectiveness of the professional development day. During the Coaching Day, the paid Literacy First Consultant tours the classrooms ensuring the implementation of the research based instructional practice. During the parental involvement activities, parents are informed of the practice and how it impacts student achievement. Parents are invited to participate and give input. |
| 12 | Coaching Day | Principal and Literacy First Consultant | Improved Teaching  | 2/22/16 | The Coaching Day is designed to determine the effectiveness of the professional development day. During the Coaching Day, the paid Literacy First Consultant tours the classrooms ensuring the implementation of the research based instructional practice. During the parental involvement activities, parents are informed of the practice and how it impacts student achievement. Parents are invited to participate and give input. |

**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:** This year our initiative is "South is our Home". All activities will be geared toward making parents and students feel like they are part of a family. Parents are invited to attend our PTO meetings, our SAC Committee meetings, and will be invited to our school each month for our PI functions. In addition to those activities, parents are invited on field trips and are invited to volunteer. We do have parents resources that are provided to parents and students of struggling students.  |

**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:** At the beginning of the school year, a Title I meeting will take place and information regarding Title I will be presented. Throughout the school year, information is disseminated that is designed to promote active participation by the parents in the child's education. This information informs parents of required assessments, curriculum, and materials that are used to educate. Parents are encouraged to meet with their children's teachers at any time that is convenient for them. We look forward to inviting parents to participate in the above activities using one or more of the following: newsletters, automated calls, Monday Memos, and facebook.  |

**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:** We will provide ALL parents with opportunities to participate in all parental involvement activities. All parents who are interested sign up for PTO, SAC, PI, and to volunteer at Open House using school wide forms. PBS events are open to all parents, and we notify parents of all events in English and in Spanish in newsletters, Facebook, and the webpage. The migrant advocate will be available to translate for parents who do not speak Spanish. We also have access to Optimal Phone Service that will translate for speakers of any language.  |

**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 Involvement Meetings | Principal, Assistant Principal, Reading Coach, Parent Involvement Committee, teacheres | New/Updated curriculum to improve test scores  | September - May |
| 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(e)(10)]; | Provide meetings at a convenient time for parent and teacher in flexible locations | Principal, Assistant Principal, Guidance, Teachers, Reading Coach | To empower parents to support their children to increase test scores | September - May |

**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 | REaD Carpet Dr. Walker | 1 | 38 | Parents were able to better support the reading process at home.  |
| 2 | Perfect Brainstorm Dr. Waker | 1 | 38 | Parents were given information on how to support the educational process at home.  |
| 3 | Science Night | 1 | 76 | Parents were given information on science standards and the FSA Assessment.  |
| 4 | Parental Involvement Meeting | 1 | 5 | Parents and staff were given information on upcoming PI events. |
| 5 | Math Night | 1 | 27 | Parents were given information on how to support the educational process at home.  |
| 6 | FSA Night | 1 | 14 | Parents were given information on how to support the educational process at home.  |
| 7 | Kindergarten Night | 1 | 17 | Parents were given information on how to support the educational process at home.  |

**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 | Team Planning PLC | 1 | 30 | Teachers were given information on how to involve parents in the educational process during a PLC. We all agreed that parents would receive a weekly newsletter from all teachers that provided information about school, events, homework, and activities.  |
| 2 | MTSS Meetings | 3 | 10 | Teachers were given information on how to inform parents of the Tier II Tier III process of RtI MTSS whereby teachers inform parents of explicit interventions employed by the teacher to help the student achieve. |

**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 | Last year, the students at South Elementary School were required to attend school for an additional hour due to poor performance. As a result, I believe parents participating in after school activities decreased.  | This year, since we still have the additional hour, all parental activities, including the Title I meetings, will be held in conjunction with grade level performances. We also intend on using PI money to purchase food for our families to encourage attendance.  |

**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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