## Columbia City Elementary Title I, Part A Parent and Family Engagement Plan

I,**Jonathan Jordan**, 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.

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

**Mission Statement**

Parental Involvement Mission Statement

**Response:**

The Parent Involvement Program at Columbia City Elementary strives to create and maintain a family friendly atmosphere where open communication is established and information for academic success is shared with parents, students, teachers, and administrators. Furthermore, the staff of Columbia City Elementary, in collaboration with parents and the community, established high expectations for all students by providing a safe, nurturing environment where students have the opportunity to become productive, knowledgeable, and responsible citizens.

**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 Title I will be used (ESEA Section 1116).

**Response:**

Parent information and opportunities to become involved are given to all parents throughout the year. Columbia City Elementary will offer the following activities to all parents: Meet the Teacher Day, Open House, Family Data Night, Family Data Morning, two Title 1 Annual Meetings, School Wide Parent-Teacher Conferences at least 2 times a year, Volunteer Orientation offered at least 2 times a year and on an as needed basis, Parent Workshops, Open Media Nights, SAC Meetings, and PTO Meetings. Information on times, dates, and activities will be available in newsletters, on the marquee, through take home flyers, on the school website, through automated school messenger call outs, and through Remind 101 messages.

Open enrollment for SAC will begin at Volunteer Orientation in August, highlighted in the school newsletter, through take home flyers, on the school website, through automated school messenger call outs, and through Remind 101 messages. Members will be voted on during Family Data Night. Parents will be encouraged to join and have the opportunity to participate in the decision making process for Columbia City Elementary. SAC representatives who participate in the School Advisory Council are our decision-making entity of the school. Parents are given a survey seeking input on activities, trainings, and materials they need for their child. The SAC committee will review and discuss strategies and activities for the SIP and for the PFEP. The SAC committee will also be responsible for creating the School Improvement Plan and conducting a SIP midyear review. As part of SAC, the use of Parent Improvement Funds will be discussed and taken into consideration. Funding will also be discussed at the Annual Title 1 meeting at the start of the school year. Our documentation consist of agendas and minutes of SAC monthly meetings, as well as participation logs, surveys and sign in sheets. The SAC committee will review and report on parent attendance and evaluations for all activities at the SAC meeting.

**Coordination and Integration with Other Federal Programs**
Describe how the school will coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement 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 V.

**Response:**

Columbia City shall, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including public preschool programs, and conduct other activities, such as parent resource centers, that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children;

Columbia City will coordinate and integrate family engagement programs that help teach parents how to help their children at home by inviting participation from the above agencies in programs scheduled throughout the year, such as Kindergarten Orientation, VPK programs, Transition Nights, and outreach programs held at local daycare agencies. The Curriculum Resource teacher will act as liaison between other federal programs and the schoolwide Title 1 program at Columbia City Elementary.

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| **count** | **Program** | **Coordination** |
| 1 | IDEA | Funding supports are integrated and coordinated with parent involvement and activities that teach parents how to help their child at home.  |
| 2 | Title I, Part C - Migrant Students | Funding supports are integrated and coordinated with parent involvement and activities that teach parents how to help their child at home.  |
| 3 | Title Il | Funding supports are integrated and coordinated to provide professional development in accordance with the district plan.  |
| 4 | Title III - ELL Students | Funding supports are integrated and coordinated with parent involvement and activities that teach parents how to help their child at home.  |
| 5 | Title IV | Funding provides students with a well-rounded education including programs such as college and career counseling, STEM, arts, civics; Supports safe and healthy students with comprehensive school mental health, drug and violence prevention, and health and nutrition, along with supporting the effective use of technology. |
| 6 | Title V | Coordinates with Title I objectives. |
| 7 | Title IX - Homeless Education | The district receives funds to provide resources (social work and tutoring) for students identified as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act to eliminate barriers for a free and appropriate education.  |
| 8 | Suwannee Valley 4 C's Head Start, Early Learning Coalition of Fl. Gateway and community daycares. | Community preschool children and their parents will be invited to a school tour and kindergarten screenings. Agencies will be asked to post or disseminate flyers advertising this activity to community businesses, churches, daycares and the Public Library.  |

**Annual Parent Meeting**
Describe the specific steps the school will take to conduct an annual meeting designed to inform parents and families of participating children about the school’s Title I program, the nature of the Title I program (schoolwide or targeted assistance), Adequate Yearly Progress, school choice, 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)].

**Response:**

Columbia City shall provide assistance to parents of children served by the school or local agency, as appropriate, in understanding such topics as the challenging State academic standards, State and local assessments, the requirements of this part, and how to monitor a child’s progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children. The following steps will be taken to plan and implement the Annual Parent Meeting in accordance with Title 1 requirements:

Multiple Annual Title 1 Parent meetings will be held during the first six weeks of school to inform parents and families of participating children about the school’s schoolwide Title 1 program , requirements, adequate yearly progress, state and local assessments, and the rights of parents. The meeting will be advertised with flyers being sent home via backpack, on the school marque, and by automated school messenger call out system. Information on the above topics will be presented to parents via the school broadcast system A powerpoint and / or handout will also be provided to parents outlining the Title 1 program requirements, a description of the school wide Title 1 program, parent’s rights, school grade, and adequate yearly progress. When applicable, Columbia City shall ensure that information related to school and parent program, meetings, and other activities is sent to the parents of participating children in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand.

Furthermore, parents will be informed that communication about the Title 1 Plan will be supported through the use of the school newsletter. Updates on the Schoolwide Title 1 Plan and the PFEP will be included in the school newsletter each month, as a way of keeping parents informed, and as a means for parents to give their input.

Finally, the importance of home school communication will be explained during Open House, which follows the Annual Title 1 Meeting. Teachers will explain the curriculum at the school, the forms of assessments used to measure student progress and the achievement levels students are expected to obtain.

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| **Count** | **Activity/Tasks** | **Frequency** | **Person Responsible**  | **Timeline** | **Evidence of Effectiveness** |
| 1 | Annual Title I Meeting (Title I program, Type of Program, School Grade, SPAR, School Choice, Rights of Parents) | Annual Title 1 Meeting- 2 times a year.Notification of School Grade, Florida’s School Report Cards, Parents Right to Know- 2 times a year during the Title 1 Meeting, online, and in the newsletter.  | Curriculum Resource Teacher | September 2019- May 2020 | Copies of the information will be kept in the Title 1 Notebook, flyers and newsletters will be sent home via backpack, activities and information will be posted on the school website, activities and Title 1 information will be posted in the school newsletter, and reminders will be sent through school messenger.  |
| 2 | School Newsletter (Title I Updates) | Monthly | CRT | August 2019- May 2020 | Copies of the school newsletters will be kept in the Title 1 documentation folders, the newsletter will be sent home via backpack, and will be posted on the school website. |
| 3 | Title 1 Brochure | Beginning of school year | Curriculum Resource Teacher | September/October 2019 | Copies of the brochure will be kept in the Title 1 Notebook, the brochure will be sent home via backpack, and will be posted on the school website. |
| 4 | Parent Notification Letters / Flyers | Monthly | Curriculum Resource Teacher | August 2019- May 2020 | Copies of the school newsletters will be kept in the Title 1 documentation folders, the newsletter will be sent home via backpack, and will be posted on the school website. |
| 5 | A flyer will be developed that addresses the Title 1 requirements.  | Once a year | Curriculum Resource Teacher | September/October 2019 | Copies of the information will be kept in the Title 1 Notebook, flyers and newsletters will be sent home via backpack, activities and information will be posted on the school website. |
| 6 | Annual Meeting PowerPoint | Open House Night in 4 rotating sessionsMorning on the Monday following Open House | Curriculum Resource Teacher | September/October 2019 | Sign-in sheets, hard copies of PowerPoint.  |
| 7 | Opportunity for parents to receive a hard copy of Title 1 information | Continuously Available | Curriculum Resource Teacher | August 2019- May 2020 | A request form, located in the Title 1 Notebook, located in the front office, will be used for parents interested in receiving information on the Title 1 Plan and various grants.  |

**Parent Notifications**

***Describe how the school will provide each family with timely notification of their right to request information on the professional qualifications of the student’s classroom teachers and paraprofessionals. Sent home with every parent in August/September, on website, newsletters, with new students***

**Response:**

Columbia City Elementary provides each family with timely notification of their right to request information on the professional qualifications of the student’s classroom teachers and paraprofessionals. At the start of the school year, a “Parent's Right to Know” letter is sent home with every student. This letter makes families aware of their rights to requests information. This information is also posted on our school website and is available in the Title 1 binder located in the front office. The information is also included in the monthly newsletter in the Title 1 update.

***Describe how the school will notify each family, in a timely manner, when their child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks, by a teacher who is out of field or does not meet the state licensure requirements.***

**Response:**

Columbia County Schools has created a “Parents Right to Know Letter” that is sent home in student backpacks to notify families when their child has been assigned to a teacher who is out of field or does not meet the state licensure requirements. These letters are also sent if a teachers is out on medical or sick leave for 4 or more consecutive weeks. A copy of the letter if kept in the front office and given to any new student that enrolls.

***How will the school provide each family with an individualized annual report about the performance of their child(ren) on the State and Local assessment (ESEA Section 1116 - Florida State Statute 1008.22)***

**Response:**

Columbia City Elementary provides each family with an individualized annual report about the performance of their child(ren) on the State and Local assessment. Within 30 days of any assessment reports are sent home, this includes iReady and Performance Matters data. At the end of each grading period, report cards are sent home. In between grading periods, progress reports are sent home to ensure parents are kept up-to-date on student achievement. Teachers meet with parents a minimum of twice a year to review assessment data and grades. This information is recorded on an individualized Compact that the student, parent and teacher all sign.

**Flexible Parent Meetings**
Describe how the school will offer a flexible number of meetings, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and will the school provide, with Title I funds, transportation, child care, or home visits, as such services related to parent and family engagement [ESEA Section 1116 ].

**Response:**

Columbia City Elementary will offer parent workshops, data days, conferences, and volunteer orientation at various times of the day. According to our recent Title 1 Parent Survey, 65% of parents would rather attend meetings in the evenings and 26% said they would rather have meetings in the evening. Due to the responses, we will continue to conduct meetings in the morning, afternoon and evening, on different days, to allow parents to attend at different times. The Curriculum Resource Teacher is available at any time to support families. Child Care is provided when necessary during meetings. If needed the lead team will make home visits if a family is not able to come in.

**Building Capacity**

***How will the school implement activities that will build the capacity for meaningful parent/family involvement?***

**Response:**

Columbia City Elementary provides parents/families access to a parent resource room. The resource room is open for parents daily from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM and during any family engagement activities. This resource allows parents to check out and receive materials to assist parents/families as they work with their child at home to improve academic success. A dedicated family engagement computer is provided for parents that is used to access online materials, resources, and student grades electronically. The computer is available for parents daily from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM and during family engagement activities. The computer lab and media center are open every morning before school to support families that can not come after school. Parents are invited to stay and work with their child on computer programs or as they read and take AR test. Multiple parent nights are provided to support families including Family Data Night, Family Data Morning, Science/STEM Night, Literacy Night, parent/teacher conferences, Kindergarten Orientation, and Family Reading Nights. These events are provided at multiple times of the day so more families are able to attend. Summer packets and reading logs are sent home to support learning over the summer. Students receive support and rewards when they return to school when they complete the summer packet.

***How will the school implement activities that will build relationships with the community to improve student achievement?***

**Response:**

Columbia City will implement activities that will build relationships with the community to improve student achievement. This will be done by establishing partnerships with local community members. Guest are invited in from the community as guest readers for Celebrate Literacy Week. Guest readers include law enforcement officers, firefighters, school board members, and community leaders. Local community members participate in a program through United Way, Reading Pals, and partners volunteers with kindergarten students. The volunteers read and provide academic support for students.

***How will the school provide materials and trainings to assist parents / families to work with their child to improve their child’s academic achievement?***

**Response:**

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***How will the school provide other reasonable support for parent and family engagement activities? (ESEA Section 1116).***

**Response:**

Columbia City Elementary provides parents/families access to a parent resource room. This resource allows parents to check out and receive materials to assist parents/families as they work with their child to improve academic success. A dedicated family engagement computer is provided for parents that is used to access online materials, resources, and student grades electronically. Both of these resources are advertised through the newsletter, social media, and the school website. Social media, Facebook, is used as a tool to communicate with parents about what is happening on campus and to celebrate student success. Transition activities are provided for families as students transition from grade levels. The goal is to make families aware of the expectations and standards students will be expected to master.

**List of Activities**

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| **count** | **Content and Type of Activity** | **Person Responsible**  | **Anticipated Impact on Student Achievement** | **Timeline** | **Evidence of Effectiveness** |
| 1 | Parent/Teacher Conferences-State and local assessments will be discussed during individual pr group conferences held at least 2 times a year.  | CRT and Teachers | Increased student achievement and parent understanding of each child’s progress.  | September 2019-May 2020 | 90% of parents will attend at 2 parent conferences.  |
| 2 | Kindergarten Orientation- parents are informed about Kindergarten curriculum and school expectations.  | CRT, Principal and Teachers | Provide information to parents on what is expected and what is tested in Kindergarten.  | Spring 2020 | Copy of handouts provided to parents with information on what is expected and what is tested in Kindergarten. |
| 3 | Opportunities will be provided for parents to learn about grade level expectations, assessments, and strategies to use at home.  | Grade Level teams, Instructional Coach, and CRT | Increased parental understanding of strategies to use with their child at home.  | September 2019-May 2020 | Participation in Family Workshops focused on increasing parent understanding of grade level expectations will be met by 50% of the school population being represented by a parent or guardian.  |
| 4 | SAC meetings will be conducted where an explanation of the state and local assessment results will be discussed, and input from parents is encouraged on issues such as funding and school programs.  | Principal, and CRT | Improve the ability of parents and school staff to work effectively together.  | Fall 2019 -Spring 2020 | Flyers, minutes, and sign-in sheets will show an overall increase in attendance. Improved parent knowledge of state and local assessments will improve as noted on the title 1 survey.  |
| 5 | Volunteer Orientation-Parent Meeting | CRT | Provide information to parents on what they can do to assist in the classroom. Student achievement will be supported when additional support is available.  | August 2019 - May 2020 | The number of volunteers in the classroom will be at least 75% of the school population being represented by a parent or guardian.  |
| 6 | Annual Title 1 Meeting-Discussion of Title 1 requirements and school activities that support the home school connection.  | CRT | Parents will gain knowledge and increase understanding of ways in which they can support their student's achievement through Title 1 resources.  | September 2019 | The number of parents attending the Annual Title 1 Meeting will be at least 50% of the school population being represented by a parent or guardian.  |
| 7 | Open House/ Family Data Night- Parents have the opportunity to receive information on grade level expectations, state and local assessments, and ways to become involved in their child’s school.  | Teachers and CRT | Parent understanding of assessments will enhance student achievement.  | September 2019 | Samples of sign-in sheets and agendas.  |
| 8 | Publish and distribute newsletters which will increase parents’ knowledge of curriculum, instruction, as assessments used at school and the strategies that parents can do at home.  | Assistant Principal and CRT | Enhanced student achievement as a result of providing specific information for parents such as testing dates, volunteer information, SAC updates, School Improvement information and updates from the principal.  | September 2019-May 2020 | Parents will experience increased awareness about school events, test dates, volunteer information, SAC updates, School Improvement information and updates from the principal.  |
| 9 | Notify families about school functions via flyers, newsletters, website updates, and automated phone systems. | Principal and CRT | Increase communication with families and provide updates on school functions and reminders of upcoming events.  | August 2019- May 2020 | Increase awareness of school functions as documented by log of messenger callout system, school newsletters and website updates. |
| 10 | Reading/Homework.Accelerated Reader (AR) afternoons and mornings. Families can bring students to the media center to read books and complete AR test.  | Media Specialist, Instructional Coach and CRT | Improved reading scores on classroom AR assessments. | September 2019- May 2020 | The number of students and families attending reading afternoons will be at least 20% of the school population being represented. The number of students and families attending reading mornings will be at least 20% of the school population being represented.  |
| 11 | Reading Strategies and Bingo for Books Night- Families and students will participate in a reading strategies presentation along with receiving free books.  | Media Specialist, Instructional Coach and CRT | An increase on student achievement in classroom assessments such as iReady and Performance Matters.  | Fall 2019 | The number of students and families attending Reading Strategy/Bingo for Books Night will be at least 50% of the school population being represented. |
| 12 | Science Night- families and students will participate in hands-on science activities. | Teachers, Instructional Coach and CRT | Increased student achievement on Science | Fall or Winter 2019 | The number of students and families attending Science Night will be at least 50% of the school population being represented. |
| 13 | Morning Teach Lab Time  | Instructional Coach and CRT | Increased student achievement  | Fall 2019- Spring 2020 | Increased student achievement as shown by iReady and state assessments.  |
| 15 | Curriculum Resource Title 1 Teacher (CRT) | CRT | Increased positive attitude and attendance at school family engagement events.  | 2019-20 School Year | Evidence of positive parent input will be notes on yearly Title 1 survey along with documentation of the number of parents attending school functions, check out support materials, and sign-in sheets.  |
| 16 | Parent Portal/Web Site- Means to access school and county information | Media Center | More informed parents support student achievement.  | 2019-20 School Year | Evidence of parent knowledge of available school resources will be noted in the yearly Title 1 Family Survey.  |

**Staff Development**
***Describe the professional development activities the school will provide to educate the teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders and other staff with the assistance of parents / families in the value and utility of contributions of parents and families?***

**Response:**

Columbia City shall educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, and other staff, with the assistance of parents, in the value and utility of contributions of parents, and in how to reach out to communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners, implement and coordinate parent programs, and build ties between parent and the school in the following ways:

**List of Activities**

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| .1 | Effective Parent Communication Training | CRT and Instructional Coach | With the increase in parent communication and partnership will be formed resulting in increased student achievement.  | August/September | PD survey, samples of teacher communication with parents  |
| 2 | New teacher parent conference and compact support | CRT, Instructional Coach, Mentor Teacher | With the increase in parent communication and partnership will be formed resulting in increased student achievement.  | August/September | Copy of Powerpoint |
| 3.  | Parent Focus Portal Training | CRT and Instructional Coach | With the increase in parent awareness of tracking student grades parents will be better able to support their child resulting in increased student achievement.  | August | Increased number of parents using Focus, review TItle 1 survey results |
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**Other Activities**

***Describe how other activities, such as parent resource centers (rooms), the school will conduct to encourage and support parents and families in more meaningful engagement in the education of their children [ESEA Section 1116].***

**Response:**

**List all activities that will be implemented:**

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| 1 | A parent resource room is provided all individuals and families. The resource room is open daily from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM and during any family engagement activities. This resource allows parents to check out and receive materials to assist families as they work with their child at home to improve academic success. |
| 2 | A dedicated family engagement computer is provided for parents that is used to access online materials, resources, and student grades electronically. The computer is available for parents daily from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM and during family engagement activities. |
| 3 | For Spanish speaking families, a translator is provided for conferences and parents engagement activities to assist with understanding the language.  |
| 4 | A school newsletter is sent home monthly to ensure parents are aware of the activities taking place, Title 1 information, and how families can help their child.  |
| 5 | The school website and social media are utilized to ensure parents are aware of the activities taking place, Title 1 information, and how families can help their child.  |

**Communication**
***Describe how the school will provide timely information about the Title I programs?***

**Response:**

Columbia City Elementary provides timely information about the Title 1 programs. This is done multiple ways. At the start of the school year, a Title 1 brochure is sent home with every student. This brochure shares information about the Title 1 programs with families. This information is also posted on our school website and is available in the Title 1 binder located in the front office. Each month a newsletter is sent home to all students via backpacks. Every newsletter contains a Title 1 update. Columbia City conducts an Annual Title 1 meeting multiple times during the year and at multiples times during the day. By attending the Annual Title 1 meeting families will gain knowledge and increase understanding of ways in which they can support their student's achievement through Title 1 resources. Information on Title 1 programs is shared with families and community members at SAC meetings. At each meeting there is a Title 1 update and members are asked for feedback.

***Explain how the school will describe and explain the curriculum of the school, the forms of assessment used to measure student progress and the achievement levels students are expected to obtain?***

**Response:**

Columbia City Elementary describes and explains the curriculum of the school, the forms of assessment used to measure student progress and the achievement levels students are expected to obtain with families. These explanations take place at multiple times during the year. Explanations take place at SAC meetings and the data from assessments is reviewed. Families have the opportunity to provide suggestions and feedback. An Annual Title 1 meeting takes place multiple times during the year and at multiples times of the day. By attending the Annual Title 1 meeting families will gain knowledge and increase understanding of ways in which they can support their student's achievement through Title 1 resources. Compact are designed by teachers with parent input. The compacts are used at parent conferences and data discussion days to review curriculum, standards, and assessment results. Family Data Days are conducted twice a year. At Data Days, assessment results,student progress and the achievement levels students are projected to obtain are reviewed.

***Explain how, if requested by parents, the school provides opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of their children?***

**Response:**

Columbia City Elementary provides multiple opportunities for parents to formulate suggestions and to participate in the decision making process relating to the education of their children. Monthly newsletters are sent home. The newsletter makes families aware of what is currently happening and asks families to email the CRT if they have any suggestions, questions, or concerns. At parent conferences parents are asked for suggestions and concerns. Families can attend and share suggestions at SAC meetings and the Annual Title 1 Meeting at which many decisions are made that have a direct impact on student achievement, the budget, SIP plan and the Family and Parent Engagement Plan. At the completion of the year, parents take the Title 1 survey which allows them to respond to specific questions and make any additional comments and suggestions.

***Explain the process the school will use to submit parents / families comments if the schoolwide plan is not satisfactory to them (ESEA Section 1116)?***

**Response:**

Columbia City Elementary has a process in place for families to submit comments if the schoolwide plan is not satisfactory to them. Monthly newsletters are sent home. The newsletter makes families aware of the plan and asks families to email the CRT if they have any questions or concerns. At parent conferences parents are asked for suggestions and concerns. Families can attend and share suggestions at SAC meetings and the Annual Title 1 Meeting at which many decisions are made that have a direct impact on student achievement and the school plan. At the completion of the year, parents take the Title 1 survey which allows family to respond to specific questions and make any additional comments and suggestions.

**Accessibility**

***Describe how the school will provide full opportunities for participation in parent / family engagement activities for all parents / families?***

**Response:**

Columbia City Elementary is aware that the family unit is changing and we must reach everyone that has an impact on student achievement. A parent resource room is provided all individuals and families. The resource room is open daily from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM and during any family engagement activities. This resource allows parents to check out and receive materials to assist families as they work with their child at home to improve academic success. For Spanish speaking families, a translator is provided to assist with understanding the language. A dedicated family engagement computer is provided for parents that is used to access online materials, resources, and student grades electronically. The computer is available for parents daily from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM and during family engagement activities. The computer lab and media center are open every morning before school to support families that can not come after school. Parents are invited to stay and work with their child on computer programs or as they read and take AR test. Multiple parent nights are provided to support families including Family Data Night, Family Data Morning, Science/STEM Night, Literacy Night, parent/teacher conferences, Kindergarten Orientation, and Family Reading Nights. Summer packets and reading logs are sent home to support learning over the summer. Students receive support and rewards when they return to school when they complete the summer packet.

***Describe how the school will share information related to school and parent / family programs, meetings, school reports, and other activities in an understandable, uniform format, and in languages that the parents / families can understand?***

**Response:**

Columbia City Elementary shares information related to the school programs, meetings, school reports and other activities in an understandable, uniform format, and in languages the the families can understand. This information is shared multiple formats and times during the year. Information is shared and discussed at SAC meetings. Families have the opportunity to provide suggestions, give feedback and ask questions at meetings. An Annual Title 1 meeting takes place multiple times during the year and at multiples times of the day. By attending the Annual Title 1 meeting families will gain knowledge and increase understanding of school activities and school reports. Compacts are designed by teachers with parent input. The compacts are used at parent conferences and data discussion days to review curriculum, standards, and assessment results. Family Data Days are conducted twice a year. At Data Days, assessment results, student progress and the achievement levels students are projected to obtain are reviewed. Information is included in the school newsletter and on the website. A Title 1 binder is located in the front office that parents can view at any time. Copies of materials can also be requested and are sent home in a timely manner after the request is made. Flyers and information sent home can be translated into various languages at the request of families and teachers. School Messenger is also used as a tool to share school information with parents.

**Discretionary Activities**

Discretionary School Level Parental and Family Engagement Policy Components

***Will the school provide any activities that are not required, but will be paid for through Title I, Part A funding (for example, home visits, transportation for meetings, activities related to parent / family engagement, etc.)***

**List all activities that will be implemented:**

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| **Count** | **Activity**  | **Description of Implementation Strategy** | **Person Responsible**  | **Anticipated Impact on Student Achievement** | **Timeline** |
| 1 | Science/STEM Night | Families and students will participate in hands-on science activities | CRT and Instructional Coach | Increased student achievement on Science and Math.  | Fall 2019 |
| 2 | Reading Strategies and Bingo for Books Night | Families and students will participate in a reading strategies presentation along with receiving free books.  | Media Specialist, Instructional Coach and CRT | An increase on student achievement in classroom assessments such as iReady and Performance Matters.  | Fall 2019 |
| 3 | Open House/ Family Data Night | Parents have the opportunity to receive information on grade level expectations, state and local assessments, and ways to become involved in their child’s school.  | Teachers and CRT | Parent understanding of assessments will enhance student achievement.  | Sept.2019 |
| 4 | Summer Packets | Increase student achievement by providing students with instructional material over the summer.  | CRT  | Provide parents with resources to support academic achievement over the summer.  | May 2019 |
| 5 | Parent Resource Room  | This resource allows parents to check out and receive materials to assist families as they work with their child at home to improve academic success. | CRT |  | 2019-20 School Year |

**Barriers**
Describe the barriers that hindered participation by parents during the previous school year. Include the steps the school will take during the upcoming school year to overcome the barriers (with particular attention paid to parents / families who are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, and parents / families of migratory children)? [ESEA Section 1116].

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| **count** | **Barrier (Including the Specific Subgroup)** | **Steps the School will Take to Overcome** |
| 1 | childcare | Childcare will be provided at multiple events |
| 2 | Schedule interferes with other siblings interferes with participation | Meetings will be offered at various times during the day and materials will be sent home if families are not able to attend.  |
| 3 | Work schedule interferes with participation | Meetings will be offered at various times during the day and materials will be sent home if families are not able to attend.  |
| 4 | ELL and migrant families do not speak English,  | School will provide a translator to support parents at events and communications will be sent home in spanish. Special events will also be provided for ELL and migrant parents.  |

**Supply Evidence of Input from Parents**

Note: As an assurance of the school-level parent and family engagement plan, each school shall involve parents of children served in Title I, part A in decision about how Title I, Part A funds are spent.

***Upload evidence of how parents were involved in making decisions in the FA399 folder. (upload SAC Minutes, newsletter)***

The FPEP and budget was discussed at a SAC meeting in April. Members had the opportunity to provide feedback. A notification was also placed in the school newsletter and parents were asked to email the CRT with suggestions and feedback.

**Supply Evidence PFEP Plan was Jointly Developed**

Note: As an assurance of the school-level parent and family engagement plan, each school shall jointly develop/revise the PFEP with parents and made available to the local community.

***Upload evidence of how the plan was jointly developed in the FA399 folder. (upload SAC Minutes, Google Survey, newsletter)***

Each grade level worked collaboratively as we created the PFEP. The staff shared feedback through a Google Survey. The FPEP was discussed at a SAC meeting in April. Members had the opportunity to provide feedback. A notification was also placed in the school newsletter and parents were asked to email the CRT with suggestions.

**Supply Evidence Planning, Reviewing and Improving the Schoolwide Plan**

Note: As an assurance of the school-level parent and family engagement plan, parents and families are to be involved in planning, reviewing and improving the schoolwide program plan

***Upload evidence of how parents were involved in planning, reviewing and improving the schoolwide program plan in the FA399 folder. (upload SAC Minutes, newsletter)***

The FPEP was reviewed at a SAC meeting in February. Members had the opportunity to provide feedback. A notification was also placed in the school newsletter and parents were asked to email the CRT with suggestions.

**Supply 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.

***Upload an electronic version of the Parent-School Compact in the FA399 folder. (upload Compacts)***

Each grade level works collaboratively to create a grade specific Compact that allows them to share expectations, grades, behavior, MTSS information, and assessment results with families. The compact was shared at a SAC meeting at the start of the year and then again in April. Members had the opportunity to provide feedback.

**Supply 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.

***Upload evidence of parent input in the development of the compact in the FA399 folder. (upload SAC Minutes, grade level minutes)***

Each grade level work collaboratively to create a grade specific Compact that allows them to share expectations, grades, behavior, MTSS information, and assessment results with families. The compact was shared at a SAC meeting at he start of the year. Members had the opportunity to provide feedback.

## Evaluation of the previous year's Parent and Family Engagement 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 | Family Data Night | 2 | 323 | Increase parent understanding of assessments and individual student scores will enhance student achievement. |
| 2 | Meet the Teacher | 1 | 331 | Provide information to parents on what is expected for the upcoming school year.  |
| 3 | Title 1 Annual Meeting | 5 | 81 | Parents will gain knowledge and increase understanding of ways in which they can support their student's achievement through Title 1 resources.  |
| 4 | SAC Meetings | 4 | 58 | Improve the ability of parents and school staff to work effectively together.  |
| 6 | Science/STEM Night | 1 | 376 | Increased student achievement on Science and STEM.  |
| 7 | Literacy Night | 1 | 376 | An increase on student achievement in classroom assessments such as iReady and Performance Matters.  |
| 8 | Family Reading Night  | 6 | 392 | Improved reading scores on classroom AR assessments. |
| 9 | Family Data Day | 2 | 1151 | Parent understanding of assessments and individual student scores will enhance student achievement. |
| 11 | ESE Open House | 1 | 8 | Provide information to parents on what is expected and what is tested in ESE. |
| 12 | Kindergarten Orientation | 1 | 60 | Provide information to parents on what is expected and what is tested in Kindergarten. |
| 13 | Provided Resources from Parent Resource Room | ongoing | 695 | Provide parents with resources to support academic achievement. |
| 14 | Summer Work Packets | 1 | 615 | Provide parents with resources to support academic achievement over the summer.  |
| 15 | Take Your Dad to Work | 1 | 254 | Dads are welcomed and celebrated. The relationship building begins and Dads are more likely to participate in their child’s education. |

**Staff Training Summary**
***Provide a summary of the professional development activities the school will provide to educate the teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders and other staff with the assistance of parents / families in the value and utility of contributions of parents and families?***

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| **count** | **Content and Type of Activity** | **Number of Activities** | **Number of Participants** | **Anticipated Impact on Student Achievement** |
| 1 | Volunteer Orientation | 1 | 37 | Improved parent engagement will enhance student achievement. |
| 2 | Communicating Assessments Results to Parents | 2 | 37 | Parent understanding of assessments and individual student scores will enhance student achievement. |
| 3 | Dealing with difficult parents during a conference | 1 | 37 | Improved parent communication will enhance student achievement. |
| 4 | Title I Budget and Requirements | 1 | 40 | Improved parent communication will enhance student achievement and attendance.  |

***Provide a summary of the professional development activities the school will provide to educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, other school leaders, and other staff with the assistance of parents / families, in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents / families as equal partners?***

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| **count** | **Content and Type of Activity** | **Number of Activities** | **Number of Participants** | **Anticipated Impact on Student Achievement** |
| 1 | Communicating Assessments Results to Parents | 1 | 37 | Parent understanding of assessments and individual student scores will enhance student achievement. |
| 2 | Dealing with difficult parents during a conference | 1 | 37 | Improved parent communication will enhance student achievement. |

**Best Practices**
Describe the parental involvement activity/strategy the school implemented during the previous school year that the school considers the most effective.

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| **count** | **Content/Purpose** | **Description of the Activity** |
| 1 | Science/STEM Night:Increase student achievement by providing parents with information on how to help their child at home with science and STEM.  | Families participated in an Egg Drop contest in grades PK-2 and Balloon Car Races in grades 3-5. In addition, Ft. White High School brought animals for the students to see and displayed their FFA projects in the Life Skills room. The also worked with students to make dirt pudding as they cycled in throughout the night. The main attraction was the Magic of Science. There were 2 cycles of presentations, which allowed the parents flexibility to attend. The balloon races and Egg Drop contest cycled by grade level 4 times in order to give parents the opportunity to visit more than one event. The event in it’s entirety covered the 5 Big Ideas in Science. |
| 2 | Family Data Day/Night:Increase student achievement by providing parents with data in how their child is performing on progress monitoring assessments and how he/she compares to other students.  | This event was provided multiple times, once at night and multiple mornings.. Teachers provided data and parents had the opportunity to see how their child was performing in comparison to other students. Teachers selected a standard that students had not yet demonstrated mastery, and then reviewed and explained the standard. Parents walked away with a resource to use at home that would support instruction of the selected standard. |
| 3 | Summer Enrichment Packets: Increase student achievement by providing students with instructional material over the summer.  | This summer each student took home a summer enrichment packet. Students receive support and rewards when they return to school when they complete the summer packet. |