

Cabot School District **Parental Involvement Plan** **2013-2014**

The Cabot School District Parental Involvement Plan is a comprehensive plan that will help develop a meaningful partnership between families and school communities to meet the needs of families by incorporating ideas that benefit the involvement of parents.

The result of this plan will be schools where parents feel welcome and have an opportunity to make significant contributions to the district's schools.

A committee comprised of parents whose children attend Cabot Schools will meet annually to review the Cabot School District Parental Involvement Plan and the compact/contracts that are used by the schools as an agreement between the school, student, and parents. The Parental Involvement Plan, as well as individual school plans, will be posted on the district web site.

Parental Involvement training will be help for principals during an administrative work session. These meetings will provide technical assistance to administrators including explanations, directions and ideas for creating a culture conducive to parental participation, the importance of setting leadership and how to incorporate these in the School Improvement Plan. All administrators and certified staff will meet the state professional development requirements for parental involvement to develop an understanding of effective parental involvement strategies. Title I schools will meet with the Federal Programs Supervisor to ensure support and coordination to implement the parental involvement activities. This will help guarantee that schools continue to achieve high academic performance.

Parent/community stakeholders will be given opportunities to play an active in a volunteer program. Tutors, special event volunteers, field trip chaperones, and work room/library helpers are examples of areas volunteers can be utilized within a school. A district Parent-Teacher Organization meeting will be coordinated biannually.

At the end of each school year a needs assessment will be conducted by the school district. This survey will allow parents input in the evaluation of the district plan and its effectiveness. The survey results will be evaluated by a core committee and the district plan will be revised to continue to improve academic performance. The core committee, coordinated by a Federal Programs designee, will be comprised of district staff and parents.

Elementary, Middle, and Secondary schools will conduct activities, meetings, and seminars in an effort to build a high level of parental involvement. The school district will survey/monitor meetings held in the schools. Collaboration with school administrators will allow the district to recognize sub groups of parents who are not participating in available activities and identify the barriers keeping them from

participating in the students' education. Multiple offerings (before school, daytime, and evening) for events, ELL services for students and families, and access to school personnel regarding an explanation of special services will address potential barriers for Cabot families.

Strategies for additional parental involvement will be developed by the local schools to encourage all parents to be involved in school activities.

Parenting resource materials will be available through the district and/or school offices. These resources will include parent tips in newsletters, services for families in need, parenting workshops, handouts, books and videos in the parent center and special events.

Each school will schedule back to school meetings for parents when school begins. Additionally, information packets will be distributed to all families. The following items will be included in the information packets.

- Opportunities to volunteer
- Telephone and personnel listing
- Student handbook and data sheet
- Student success tips
- School calendar of events
- School/Title I compact
- Family survey
- Information available in the Parent Resource Center

Cabot School District will make a concerted effort to keep parents informed and involved about the academic performances of students. Each school will conduct a minimum of two parent/teacher conference each year – one per semester. Parents have access to students' grades, faculty email, student handbooks, services and school performance data through the school district's web site. Attendance, discipline, and academics will be included in discussions with parents. A public meeting will be held during the fall semester to communicate student achievement, curriculum, and opportunities to volunteer.

Each school will designate a parental involvement facilitator to supervise the coordination and implementation of the school based parental involvement plan. The district will have a Parental Involvement Coordinator to supervise the coordination and implementation of the district's parental involvement plan. All components of Act 307 of 2007 are included in the district and school involvement plans.