

**Bolton Elementary**  
*Parent and Family Engagement  
Policy and Plan for Shared  
Student Success*  
**2020-2021 School Year**  
***You Are Our Why!***

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### **What is Title I?**

Bolton Elementary School is identified as a Title I school as part of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family

engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.



## **School Plan for Shared Student Achievement**

### **What is it?**

This is a plan that describes how **Bolton Elementary** will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. **Bolton Elementary** values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that **Bolton Elementary** will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.



### **How is it revised?**

Bolton Elementary School invited all parents to attend our annual School Forum last spring to review and revise this parent and family engagement policy, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-parent compact, and the family engagement initiatives. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online form. The plan is posted on our school website for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for family engagement. Parents and family members are also welcome to give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

### **Who is it for?**

All students and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Bolton Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members so that all students grow academically.

### **Where is it available?**

Our plan is always available but is thoroughly discussed during our annual Title I parent Night in September. The plan is also posted on our website. Parents/families can also receive a copy of the plan in our main office.

For questions of suggestions, contact Cheryl Frazier at [cfrazier@wsfcs.k12.nc.us](mailto:cfrazier@wsfcs.k12.nc.us) or 336 -703-4247.

**Bolton Elementary Vision:** Bolton Elementary School is a warm, inviting school where all students are encouraged to strive for excellence academically, socially, and emotionally. We ensure daily that students are welcomed into a safe and supportive atmosphere where their gifts and talents are supported, developed, and nurtured.

## WS/FCS Strategic Goals

The new WS/FCS Strategic Goals are:

**Goal 1:** WS/FCS will raise student achievement, close achievement gaps and enable all students to take ownership of their learning.

**Goal 2:** WS/FCS will eliminate barriers so that factors of achievement predictability do not impact students' equitable access to learning opportunities. WS/FCS will provide quality instructional facilities and learning environments for all students.

**Goal 3:** WS/FCS will build and strengthen partnerships and communication with families, local businesses, educational organizations, community agencies and advocacy groups to engage families and community stakeholders in the entire educational process for all students.

**Goal 4:** WS/FCS will recruit and retain a highly effective and diverse workforce that supports district goals to ensure excellence for all.

**Goal 5:** WS/FCS will foster an inclusive climate that values the safety and well-being of all students, faculty and staff and foster an environment that creates a sense of belonging.

## School-Parent Compacts

As part of this plan, Bolton Elementary and our families will develop a school-parent compact. A compact is a written agreement that families, teachers, and students jointly develop that explains how everyone will work together to ensure that all students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the

Parent/Family Engagement event and the annual Revision Meeting. The school-parent compacts also, are shared with

parents during parent-teacher conferences and kept with each child's teacher if parents need another copy. Feedback is always welcome on the compact at any time during the year, please contact: Cheryl Frazier at [cfrazier@wsfcs.k12.nc.us](mailto:cfrazier@wsfcs.k12.nc.us) or 336-703-4247.

## Opportunities for Involvement

Bolton Elementary will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement. All meetings for parents and family members will be held at least once during the day in the morning before school and in the evening at 6:00 pm. **Due to COVID-19 we will adjust and make our sessions virtual, if needed.**

### ***Annual Title I Meeting – You Are Our Why! September 2020***

We invite you to an evening of learning and sharing about our Title I program, including our parent and family engagement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements. Invitations will be emailed and posted on the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Thursday Folder packets, social media, and local media.

### ***Parent/Family Engagement Session 1 – September 2020***

Meet your child's teacher and our friendly and helpful school staff for the year.

### ***Fall Festival-October 2020 (Covid-19 may postpone this)***

Our annual night of family fun.

### ***Literacy Night/Read Together 2020 Kick-Off***

Parents will enjoy hearing the latest writing samples and curriculum updates.

### ***Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences –November 2020***

Scheduled updates on your child's progress.

### ***Science Night – December 2020***

Sample a little bite from the different areas of your child's academics.

### ***Technology Talk – January 2021***

Catch up with the latest resources to help support your child's learning.

### ***Parent Math Night – January 2021***

Learn how to make math fun at home.

### ***Road to Middle School-February 2021***

A meeting with our fifth-grade parents to talk about Middle School Registration and to answer questions they may have.

### ***Family Appreciation and Family Wellness Night – April 2021***

A celebration of family engagement and the recognition of its impact on school and student success.

### ***School Forum – May 2021***

A forum for parents and family members to participate in roundtable discussions with the principal and staff regarding the schoolwide plan, parent and family engagement policy, school-parent compacts, and the family engagement budget.



## Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Computers are available for parents to explore the Parent Portal and educational resources.

Monday – Friday: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

## Parent and Family Engagement

Bolton Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:

- That parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- That parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

Bolton Elementary is committed to helping our parents and families attend the family activities listed in this policy. Please call or email us if you need assistance with child care or transportation in order to participate in our programs. You are our why!



## Bolton Elementary is Branching Out!

**Bolton Elementary School is a warm, inviting school where all students are encouraged to strive for excellence academically, socially, and emotionally. We ensure daily that students are welcomed into a safe and supportive atmosphere where their gifts and talents are supported, developed, and nurtured.**

Our Mission is to foster the love of learning. We believe that students must develop The Joy of Lifelong Learning: Dream Big, Work Hard and Expect to Excel! Our emphasis is on helping students understand that hard work and effort will pay off if they are consistent with it.

We understand that our families, school staff and community work together to make this happen. This is how we plan to accomplish this task.

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in both English and Spanish, posted on the school website, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all families that will be uploaded to Peachjar.
- ✓ Share information in English and Spanish on the school website and in the school newsletter for parents to understand the school's academic standards and assessments as well as the ways parents can monitor their child's progress and work with educators.
- ✓ Events and meetings involving parents will be held at different times during the day/week to make it more convenient for families to attend. Family conferences will be scheduled at a time that accommodates the family's availability.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, social media, Peachjar and our website.
- ✓ Work with our parents to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of parent and family engagement and how to support student learning.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for parents at conferences, meetings, and activities to help parents work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Use our Partners in Education and School-Community Team to improve awareness of the activities and events listed in the school parent and family engagement policy.
- ✓ Collect feedback from parents and family members at all events, place input card around the building and a post suggestion form on the school website to respond to parents' requests for additional support for parent and family engagement activities.



## Parent and Family Engagement Committee

Bolton Elementary invites all families to join the Parent and Family Engagement Committee to share ideas and ways to involve other to build partnerships with school, families and community. The team will meet four times per year, but families are always welcome to submit their ideas or suggestions at any time. If you would like to learn more about the PFE Committee, please contact Cheryl Frazier at (336) 703-4247 or complete the interest form on this sheet and leave it in the main office.

## School Community Team

It is our pleasure to partner with our families to ensure that our students have the best possible academic and social experience at school. **You Are Our Why!**

TOGETHER  
We make our students.....

Ready for Learning! Ready for College!  
Ready for a Career!  
Ready for Life!  
Thank you for your continued support!

## Parent/Family Engagement Committee

- Yes, I am interested and wish to join the PFE Committee.
- Please contact me so I can learn more in joining FPE Committee
- Please send me notifications about future meetings and updates.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this policy that you feel does not support our goals for student success and for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the Main Office:

Name: (optional)

Telephone Number: (optional)

Comments

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