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WILDCATS

WILDCAT CHAT

SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

Welcome

- ▶ Introductions -Ms. Lacey and Mr. Holmes
- ▶ Purpose of Wildcat Chats
- ▶ Review agenda for the evening
- ▶ Talk about how to

Upcoming Events & Info

- ▶ Where to find information: WES Website, Monthly Wildcat Scoop Newsletter, etc.
- ▶ Upcoming Events:
 - ▶ Wednesday, September 23rd: Minimum Day
 - ▶ Friday, September 25th: Kindergarten Instructional Materials Distribution from 11:00 AM- 4:00 PM
 - ▶ Monday, September 28th: 1st Grade Instructional Materials Distribution from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM and 12:00 PM-1:00 PM
 - ▶ Wednesday, October 7th: Minimum Day
 - ▶ Thursday, October 15th: Great American Shake-out
 - ▶ Wednesday, October 21st: Minimum Day
 - ▶ Thursday, October 22nd: Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - ▶ Friday, October 23rd: No School
 - ▶ Wednesday, October 28th: Minimum Day

What IS A TITLE I School?

- ▶ Being a Title I, Part A school means our school is receiving federal funding (Title 1, Part A dollars) to supplement the school's existing programs. These dollars can be used for...
 - ▶ Identifying students experiencing academic difficulties and providing timely assistance to help these students meet the state's challenging content standards
 - ▶ Purchasing supplemental: staff, programs, materials, and supplies
 - ▶ Conducting parent and family engagement meetings, trainings, and activities

1% “Set-Aside”

- ▶ Any local education area (LEA) with a Title I, Part A allocation exceeding \$500,000 is required by statute to set aside 1% of its Title I, Part A allocation for parent and family engagement.
- ▶ Of that 1%, 10% may be reserved at the LEA for system wide initiatives and administrative expenses related to parent and family engagement
- ▶ Of the 1%, 90% must be allocated to the Title I schools in the LEA to implement school-level parent and family engagement
- ▶ Title I parents have the right to be involved in the decisions regarding how these funds will be used for parent and family engagement activities

Single Plan for Student Achievement

- ▶ Single Plan for Student Achievement address how the school will use Title I, Part A funds within the school site. Topics include:
 - ▶ High-quality student academic assessments
 - ▶ Supplemental services to assist struggling students
 - ▶ Coordination and integration of federal funds and programs
 - ▶ Strategies to implement effective parent and family engagement
 - ▶ Title I parents have the right to be involved in the development of these plans

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

- ▶ The policy addresses how the school will implement the parent and family engagement program. The policy includes:
 - ▶ Convening an annual meeting
 - ▶ Provide a number of meetings
 - ▶ Involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review and improvement of the parent and family engagement program
 - ▶ Provide timely information about parent and family engagement activities
 - ▶ Provide information to parents about curriculum and assessment
 - ▶ If requested, provide additional meetings with parents to discuss decisions for the education of their child
 - ▶ Title I parents have the right to be involved in the development of the school policy

School-Parent Compact

- ▶ The school-parent compact is a written agreement...
 - ▶ That addresses high-quality curriculum and instruction
 - ▶ That describes how parents and families, school staff, and students share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement
 - ▶ That stresses the importance of frequent communication between school and home, and the value of parent-teacher conferences (required in elementary schools)
 - ▶ That affirms the importance of parents and families in decisions relating to the education of their children
 - ▶ Title I parents have the right to be involved in the development of the school-parent compact

Teacher Qualifications

- ▶ Schools are required to notify parents that they have the right to request information regarding the qualifications of their child's teacher
- ▶ Parents must follow the school procedure to request this information
- ▶ Check with our school or district office to make this request

Annual Evaluation

- ▶ The content and the effectiveness of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy must be evaluated annually
- ▶ Identify barriers to participation in parental engagement
- ▶ Data and input might include...
 - ▶ Parent questionnaires and surveys
 - ▶ School Site Council and English Language Advisory Committee input
 - ▶ Report findings to parents and families and use those results to revise the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and School-Parent Compact

School Site Council (SSC)

- ▶ What is the SSC?
 - ▶ A School Site Council (SSC) is group of teachers, parents, administrators, and interested community members who work together to develop and monitor a school's improvement plan.
 - ▶ The SSC determines the focus of the school's academic instructional programs.
 - ▶ Develops and oversees Title I Parent Involvement Policy and Home-School Compact.
 - ▶ Develops and oversees the Comprehensive School Safety Plan.
 - ▶ Meets at least 8 times a year.
- ▶ SSC Elections- Emailed on-line ballot needs to be completed by Wednesday, Sept. 23rd.

English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC)

- ▶ What is the ELAC?
 - ▶ The ELAC is a committee for parents or other community members who want to advocate for English Learners. The ELAC acts in an advisory capacity. It is not a decision making body.
 - ▶ Advises on the development of services for English learners in the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA).
 - ▶ Assists in the development of the school's needs assessment.
 - ▶ Has representation on District English Language Advisory Committee.
- ▶ ELAC Election- Emailed on-line ballot needs to be completed by Friday, Sept. 25th.

Question Time

- ▶ Depending on time we will answer as many questions as we can.
- ▶ Send a message through Chat and we will answer.
- ▶ If we do not get to your questions, please feel free to email either of us:
 - ▶ Ms. Lacey: llacey@skusd.k12.ca.us
 - ▶ Mr. Holmes: pholmes@skusd.k12.ca.us

Thank you for joining us!

Our next Wildcat Chat will
be on Tuesday, October 27th
from 5:00 PM-6:00 PM!
We will be discussing the
new SKUSD Discipline Matrix.

Hope to see you then!