

# Sardis Elementary Title I Annual Meeting

September 28, 2023



# Federal Requirements

The *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* requires that each Title I school hold an Annual Meeting for the purpose of...

- Informing you of your school's participation in Title I.
- Explaining the requirements of Title I.
- Explaining your rights as parents to be engaged in the school community.

# Meeting Overview

- What is Title I?
- What does it mean to be a Title I school?
- Our School's Proud Points from 2022-2023
- Our School's Goals for 2023-2024
- How Title I funds are Used at Our School
- Your Rights as Parents and Families
  - School Improvement Planning
  - Parent and Family Engagement Policy
  - School-Parent Compact
  - Your "Right to Know"

# What is Title I?

- Title I is the nation's oldest and largest federally funded educational program.
- Title I provides supplemental funds to schools to help students meet their educational goals.

# What does it mean to be a Title I school?

- Being a Title I school means receiving federal funding to supplement the school's existing programs. This funding is used for...
  - Identifying students experiencing academic difficulties and providing timely assistance to help them meet the State's challenging content standards.
  - Purchasing supplemental programs, materials, and/or supplies.
  - Conducting parent and family engagement meetings, trainings, and activities.
- Being a Title I school also means encouraging parental engagement and advocating for parents' rights.

# Our School's Proud Points from 2022-2023



## Sardis 22-23 Accountability Snapshot

School Grade: C

Math: B 73%    Reading: C 58%

91.4% of students showed  
growth! 🎉

Overall Proficiency:  
65%

Academic growth is third highest for  
all UCPS elementary schools ★

Growth Index of 4.89 🏆  
Sardis EXCEEDED growth!

- Exceeded Growth for a Second Year!
- Rebranding, new bear – Sarge!
- Growing PTO!
- Doubled our amount of students exiting ML program on WIDA
- Our PAW System:
  - Practice Responsibility
  - Always be Respectful
  - Work & Play Safely

# Our School's Goals for 2023-2024

Safety	Academics	Culture
<p><u>Goal:</u> Ensure that all students feel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Safe</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> A sense of belonging</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> They have a voice and are supported</li></ul> <p><i>Decrease discipline referrals (less than 65 for the whole year)</i></p>	<p><u>Goal:</u> <b>Increase</b> 23-24 EOG proficiency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Reading from 51% to <b>60%</b></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Math from 69% to <b>78%</b></li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Science from 78% to <b>85%</b></li></ul> <p><i>Exceed Growth for a Third Year in a Row &amp; get back to being a B school</i></p>	<p><u>Goal:</u> Evidence of new mission statement across the whole school community:</p> <p><b>LEADING WITH PURPOSE</b></p> <p><i>Increase leadership opportunities for PreK-5 students</i></p>

# How Title I Funds are Used at Our School

- 5 Classroom Teacher Positions
  - Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Interventionists
- Teaching Assistant
- Parent & Student Involvement (treats and learning resources)
- Learning Resources and Curriculum Materials
- Professional Development Opportunities for Teachers



# Your Rights as Parents & Families of a Title I School

You have a right to be involved in the following:

- Development of the...
  - School Improvement Plan/NCStar Plan
  - Parent and Family Engagement Policy
  - School-Parent Compact
- Title I funding allocations for parent and family engagement.

# School Improvement Plan/NCStar Plan

- The School Improvement Plan/NCStar Plan includes:
  - A Comprehensive Needs Assessment
  - Goals and Strategies to Address Academic Needs of Students
  - Professional Development for School Staff
  - Coordination of Resources and a Comprehensive Budget
  - The School's Parent and Family Engagement Goals
- Parents and families at Title I schools have the right to be engaged in the development of this plan.

# Parent and Family Engagement Policy

- Every Title I School must have a **School Parent and Family Engagement Policy** that is jointly developed with parents and families.
- The school Parent and Family Engagement Policy outlines how the school will implement the parental engagement requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Components include:
  - ✓ How parents can be involved in decision-making activities.
  - ✓ How information on instruction and assessment will be provided to parents.
  - ✓ How the school will build parents' and families' capacities for supporting their children's learning at home.
  - ✓ How parental involvement funds are being used.
- Parents and families at Title I schools have the right to be involved in the annual review and improvement of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

# How Our School will Engage Parents and Families

- ☐ School Events throughout the school year
  - ☐ Music Performances and Related Arts Showcase– grouped grade levels through the year
  - ☐ Student Showcases
  - ☐ Family Fun Night
  - ☐ ...other things are in the works
- ☐ PTO Events
  - ☐ Parent Committees
  - ☐ Turkey Trot
  - ☐ Dollar Days
  - ☐ Upcoming Dances
  - ☐ ...and many more events planned
- ☐ Parent and Teacher/School Communications
  - ☐ conferences and informal interactions
  - ☐ Dojo and Social Media sites
  - ☐ Connect Ed messages

# School-Parent Compact

- Every Title I School must have a **School-Parent Compact** that is jointly developed with parents and families.
- The compact is a commitment or contract between the school, teacher, parent, and student to share in the responsibility for academic achievement.
- The compacts must be distributed to all parents and families.
- Parents and families at Title I schools have the right to be engaged in the annual review and improvement of the School-Parent Compact.

# Your “Right to Know”

- You, as a Title I parent/family, have the right to request...
  - the qualifications of your child’s teachers.
  - information about any state or local policy regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by the state or local district.
- The ***Right to Know*** notification is distributed to all students at the beginning of the school year and is posted on our school’s website.
- You, as a Title I parent/family, will be notified if your child is instructed for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet the North Carolina state licensure requirements for the grade level or subject area that he/she is teaching.

# Questions & Answers

Please use the QR Code to ask any questions you may have & we will get back to you!





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