

6. Describe how the school will build capacity for parental involvement including how parents will be encouraged to become equal partners in the education of their children.

*To ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, our school:*

(a) Shall provide materials and training to help parents to work with their children to improve their children's achievement, such as literacy training and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement.

Ella Grant Elementary will build capacity through parent representatives who currently serve on the Continuous Improvement Team. These parents will serve as spokespersons for the school and liaisons to establish partnerships. Ella Grant will also host quarterly parent meetings to discuss state assessments and grade level curriculum requirements. Parents will also have access to our Class Dojo, school's website, Schoology page and Facebook page, which list current events and meetings. Schoology progress reports are generated weekly as a resource, which will allow parents to view student grades. Furthermore, parents have the ability to communicate and collaborate with their child's teacher through the use of email and Class dojo, our web-based behavioral monitoring program.

(b) Shall educate teachers, office personnel, and other school 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 parents and the school.

Ella Grant Elementary will build capacity through parent representatives who currently serve on the Continuous Improvement Team. Ella Grant will provide professional development on effective communication strategies with parents and build partnerships with parents through constant ongoing communication.

(c) Shall to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parent involvement programs and activities with other federal 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.

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meetings to discuss state assessments and grade level curriculum requirements. Selected grade level teachers present tips on curriculum. The counselor discusses attendance, discipline and test taking techniques. Parents will also have access to our school's website and Facebook page which list current events and meetings. Schoology is a resource which will allow parents to view student grades. Furthermore, parents have the ability to communicate and collaborate with their child's teacher through the use of email and Class dojo, our web-based behavioral monitoring program.

(d) Shall ensure that information related to school and parent programs, 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.

The school will build capacity for parental involvement through various methods. Parents are encouraged to attend the initial Title I Parent Meeting. During this meeting, parents are encouraged to join the parental advisory council. Parent meetings are held monthly in each grade level and an academic honors day is held each quarter where parents are encouraged to meet with school administration to discuss concerns and academic achievement. Parents are requested to schedule an academic and behavior conference quarterly. Newsletters are sent home by each grade level and school wide monthly.

(e) Shall provide such other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request.

Ella Grant ensures that information related to school and parent programs are communicated to parents through Class Dojo, newsletters, school flyers, school website, school Facebook and phone messenger.

7. Describe how the school will ensure the provision for participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory students; including providing information and school reports in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand.

Ella Grant Elementary School does not have any ELL or migrant students. In the event Ella Grant receives any ELL or migrant students we will make the necessary accommodations including using Trans Act and coordinating with the ELL Welcome Center. Every effort is made to accommodate parents with disabilities. Ella Grant Elementary School is a handicapped-accessible building.



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## Mobile County Public School System Ella Grant Elementary

### Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2020-2021



### "Soaring to Greater Heights"

The Mission of Ella Grant Elementary School is to provide a child-centered atmosphere of encouragement, respect, and high expectations. The faculty, staff, parents, and community will work together to help each child develop as an academically, socially, and morally responsible seeker of knowledge.

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**1. Describe how the school will convene an annual meeting to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I and explain Title I requirements, including the 1% set-aside, and the right of parents to be involved.**

Ella Grant will hold its Annual Title I meeting Virtually in September. Topics to be discussed at this year's meeting are as follows: Continuous Improvement Plan An explanation of the school's curriculum and the state's content standards Title I program and participation, its services, and parents' rights, which include the following: The School-Parent Compacts.

**2a. Describe how there will be a flexible number and format of parent meetings offered, such as meetings in the morning or evening, and may provide, with funds provided under this part, transportation, child care, or home visits, as such services relate to parental involvement.**

Ella Grant will offer one Virtual parent meeting per quarter held during school hours.

**2b. Describe how parents will be involved in the planning, review and improvement of the Title I Program (Note: State the school's process for how all Title I parents have the opportunity for involvement in decision-making).**

Parents will have an opportunity to become involved in decision making through parent input from the meetings, parental advisory committee and annual parent surveys.



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**2c. Describe how funds allocated for parent involvement are being used in the school.**

Parent Involvement funds \$2489.01 will be used to provide materials and resources for the parent resource center and to support parent meetings and parent communication.

**3. Describe how the school provides parents of participating children timely information in a uniform format and, to the extent practicable in a language they can understand, about programs under Title I, a description and explanation of the curriculum in use, forms of academic assessments, and achievement expectations used, and, if requested by parents, opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and participate as appropriate in decisions related to the education of their children.**

Ella Grant Elementary School holds an annual Title 1 general meeting and quarterly meetings to discuss programs under Title 1, curriculum changes, school achievements and academic assessment results. Parents receive a parent handbook, school wide monthly newsletters and classroom newsletters, which keep them abreast of all Title 1 and curriculum updates. Parents have an opportunity to visit classrooms virtually daily and virtual conferences when needed during instructional planning times.

**4. Describe how parents, the school staff, and students share responsibility for improved student academic achievement for participating students (How the School-Parent Compact is jointly developed with Title I parents; how it is used, reviewed, and updated).**

Through a coordinated effort of school staff members and the Ella Grant Elementary Parents, the compact is reviewed and revised in the fourth quarter ACIP meeting. Parent survey results are reviewed during this meeting. The parent compact is presented to parents during the general Title 1 parent meeting. Parents

have an opportunity to ask questions and provide input on the compact during the parent meeting. Parents are provided a copy of the compact and they are asked to sign the compacts signifying their commitment to working in partnership with the school and their child. The compacts will be discussed with teachers at faculty meetings. Each teacher will be given the responsibility to further explain the compact to the students and obtain the students' signatures. The teachers will house the compacts in their classrooms or use during parent teacher and/or student-teacher conferences. The compact or parent contact logs will be used jointly by parents and teachers to reiterate their various roles and responsibilities. They will also jointly use the compact to reinforces what is expected of the student in order for him/her to be successful at school. The teacher will use the compact to document notes from parent/teacher, teacher/student, or parent/teacher/student conferences held throughout the year.

**5. Describe procedures to allow parents to submit comments of dissatisfaction with the Continuous Improvement (CIP) Plan.**

Parents may submit comments of dissatisfaction with the Continuous Improvement Plan in writing to the school. The Continuous Improvement Team will review the comments, schedule a meeting with the parent and act accordingly. Ella Grant Elementary School parents may also request a meeting with the principal and/or the Continuous Improvement Team to discuss dissatisfaction.

