

Longfellow Alternative School: 2018-19 Family Involvement Plan

We need the help of our families to reach our school goals for student success and achievement. Below is our plan for how we'll meaningfully engage families in equitable and accessible ways during the 2018-19 school year. There are specific goals we'll work to achieve and ways we plan to achieve each goal listed below.

This plan was developed in partnership with families and approved on .

Please reach out to Geneva Dorsey, at geneva.dorsey@mpls.k12.mn.us or 6126684700 if you have questions about the opportunities below or want to provide feedback on this plan.

All families feel welcome in our school and have equal access to opportunities to be involved in their students' education

- Host the following community-building and cultural events:
 - * Latino Heritage Month Celebration on 10/9/2018
 - * Fall Festival Literacy Event on 10/30/2018
 - * Parent/Teacher Conferences on 10/17/2018
 - * Native American Family Involvement Day on 11/15/2018
 - * Q1 Awards Celebration & Project Fair on 11/27/2018
 - * Holy Trinity Partnering Family Service Learning Project & Celebration on 12/14/2018
 - * Dorsey & Whitney Law Firm Service Learning Celebration on 12/20/2018
 - * Community Open House @ MLK Park on 8/29/2018
 - * African American Family Involvement Day & Student Presentations on 2/11/2019
 - * Q2 Awards Celebration & Project Fair on 2/12/2019
 - * Parent/Teacher Conferences on 2/15/2019
 - * Q3 Awards Celebration & Project Fair on 4/23/2019
 - * Graduate & Early Learning Center Breakfast Celebration on 6/4/2019
 - * Mother's Day Celebration & Family Event on 5/10/2019
 - * Graduation Ceremony & Celebration on 6/6/2019
 - * School 100th Birthday Family & Community Celebration on 11/29/2018
- Notify all families of how to get involved in the events listed on this plan, how to access school staff, and how they can volunteer, through:
 - * Updates to school calendar on our website
 - * School newsletter
 - * Flyers sent home with students
 - * Phone calls
- Accommodate all families by providing the following:
 - * Childcare at meetings
 - * Interpreters at meetings
 - * Translated documents
 - * Home visits
- Social-Emotional Learning Activities embedded throughout the school within classes, Advisory, all-school team-building events
- Providing language support to families daily, phone calls home in Spanish, and newsletters/flyers home in Spanish too

All families are informed of the steps our school is taking to improve student outcomes and achieve equity.

- Host our annual State of the Schools (Title I Night) on 10/9/2018 at 10:30-2:30pm, which will:
 - * Inform families of the requirements and benefits of being a Title I School
 - * Inform families of their right to be involved in Title I programming
 - * Inform families about state standards, our school's curriculum, and the assessments their students will take this year
 - * Give families an overview of the goals and strategies in our School Improvement Plan (SIP)
- Post a family friendly version of our School Improvement Plan (SIP) on our website
- Send a letter home letting families know if we are designated by the state for support and improvement

Families will play an important role in developing our School Improvement and Family Improvement plans, and will provide valued input on how we spend our resources.

- Get family input on our school improvement plan in March
- Get family input on our family involvement plan in April
- Get family input on how we use our resources to support student achievement in March
- Host regular Site Council meetings on Every other Thursday

All school staff members, families, and students understand the important role they each play in making sure students achieve success at our school.

- Create a School-Parent-Student Compact, which is an agreement on the role each person will play to make sure the student is successful
- Get family input on our School-Parent-Student Compact in September
- Share our School-Parent-Student Compact with families by:
 - * Sharing it with families in our handbook
 - * Sharing it with families on our website

All families understand how to support their students' academic achievement.

- Help families understand our school curriculum, state standards, assessments their students take, and how we measure student achievement and success at:
 - * Parent/Teacher Conferences on Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - * Project Fairs on Project Fairs
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 - * Quarterly Awards on Quarterly Awards
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- Also, help families understand our school curriculum, state standards, assessments their students take, and how we measure student achievement and success by:
 - * Letters Home
 - * Updated School Website
 - * Monthly Newsletters with Highlights from Course Offerings & Course Work/Student Successes
- Host the following academically-focused family events:
 - * Parent/Teacher Conferences on 2018-10-17
 - * Quarterly Awards on 2018-11-27
 - * Project Fairs on 2019-02-11

All staff will be trained on how to effectively partner with families.

- Provide professional development to our staff on the following topics:
 - * Trauma-Informed Instruction through ACEs and communicating effectively with families
 - * ELL Collaborative Practices and Culturally-Informed Instructional Practices for Latina students
 - * Social-Emotional Learning Practices at Family Events and All-School/ELC Events