

Schenectady City School District

Schenectady, New York

Martin Luther King Elementary School

2010-2011

APPENDIX B: TITLE I SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY & SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT  
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**Part A: School Parental Involvement Policy**

**I. General Expectations**

Martin Luther King Elementary School agrees to implement the following statutory requirements:

- A. The school will put into operation programs, activities and procedures for the involvement of parents, consistent with section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Those programs, activities and procedures will be planned and operated with meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.
- B. The school will ensure that the required school-level parental involvement policy meets the requirements of section 1118(b) of the ESEA, and includes, as a component, a school-parent compact consistent with section 1118(d) of the ESEA.
- C. The school will incorporate this parental involvement policy into its school improvement plan.
- D. In carrying out the Title I, Part A parental involvement requirements, to the extent practicable, the school will provide full opportunities for the participation of parents with limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, and parents of migratory children, including providing information and school reports required under section 1111 of the ESEA in an understandable and uniform format and, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language parents understand.
- E. The school will involve the parents of children served in Title I, Part A programs in decisions about how the 1 percent of Title I, Part A funds reserved for parental involvement is spent.
- F. The school will be governed by the following statutory definition of parental involvement, and will carry out programs, activities and procedures in accordance with this definition:

1. Parental involvement means the participation of parents in regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring:
  - a. that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning;
  - b. that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school;
  - c. 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; the carrying out of other activities, such as those described in section 1118 of the ESEA.
  - d. The school will inform parents and parental organizations of the purpose and existence of the Parental Information and Resource Center in New York State located in Watertown NY. The website is:  
<http://www.nyspirc.org/info/index.php/parent-resources/guides-fact-sheets/>

## **II. How Martin Luther King Elementary School Will Implement the Required Parental Involvement Policy Components**

- A. Martin Luther King Elementary School will take the following actions to involve parents in the joint development of its school parental involvement plan under section 1112 of the ESEA:
  1. Parent representatives will be invited to a joint meeting with the school to review and suggest changes to the policy.
  2. A simple majority vote will determine the final policy statement
- B. Martin Luther King Elementary School will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:
  1. A committee composed of parents and staff will review school data relevant to school programs and make suggestion for modifications to program procedures
- C. Martin Luther King Elementary School will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:
  1. The school will form a Parent Partnership Team designed to increase student achievement by providing home focused, school focused and partnership focused activities and strategies in a coordinated manner

- D. Martin Luther King Elementary School will coordinate and integrate Title I parental involvement strategies with parental involvement strategies under the following other programs: Special Education and State-operated preschool programs, by:
1. Ensuring that program supervisors are aware of the parent involvement requirements under NCLB
  2. Information and opportunities are provided to supervisors, teachers, and parents of children in these programs to receive timely information about workshop opportunities available to them
- E. Martin Luther King Elementary School will take the following actions to conduct, with the involvement of parents, an annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this parental involvement policy in improving school quality. The evaluation will include identifying barriers to greater participation by parents in parental involvement activities (with particular attention to parents who are economically disadvantaged, are disabled, have limited English proficiency, have limited literacy, or are of any racial or ethnic minority background). The school will use the findings of the evaluation about its parental involvement policy and activities to design strategies for more effective parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary (and with the involvement of parents) its parental involvement policies.
1. The annual evaluation will be conducted by the schools Parent Partnership Team which is a team composed of school and parent representatives. This team meets monthly to plan focused activities and strategies in alignment with school goals and designed to improve student achievement

An annual meeting will be held to:

2. Review the current policy and make recommendations for modification of activities based on changing school goals and data about achievement
  3. The evaluation will be conducted by reviewing relevant student achievement data including the school's portfolio of activities and events held during the previous school year.
  4. The information will allow the Team to identify gaps in the effort and allow for the development of changes to close gaps in the achievement of schools goals.
- F. Martin Luther King Elementary School will build the school's and parents' capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership with the parents and the community, to improve student academic achievement through the following activities specifically described below:

The school will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following:

1. the State's academic content standards
2. the State's student academic achievement standards
3. the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments, the requirements of Part A, how to monitor their child's progress, and how to work with educators:
4. (List activities, such as workshops, conferences, classes, both in-State and out-of-State, including any equipment or other materials that may be necessary to ensure success.)
5. The school will provide materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement, such as literacy training, and using technology, as appropriate, to foster parental involvement, by:
  - a. Providing materials to parents about NYS Standards, Homework Tips, How to raise a successful student, reading, math science and English Language Arts strategies
  - b. The importance of regular school attendance, homework workshop, etc.
  - c. The school will provide parents with opportunities for parent in both written and workshop format, information about how to work with their child in core content areas, information about the Standards and testing, and workshops based upon parent surveys such as:
    - 1) Back To School BBQ
    - 2) Back To School Orientation -- What to expect for your child this year
    - 3) Literacy Event
    - 4) Thanksgiving Bingo
    - 5) Reading Calendar for Take Home Activity
    - 6) Coffee Chat
    - 7) Technology Workshop
    - 8) Test Informational Night
    - 9) Spring Clean Up
    - 10) PPT Multicultural Night
  - d. Hosting a cultural event will reach out to all cultures in the school community and will bring everybody together-
6. The school will, with the assistance of its parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principal and other staff in how to reach out to, communicate with, and work with parents as equal partners in the value and utility of

contributions of parents, and in how to implement and coordinate parent programs and build ties between parents and schools by:

- a. Parents and staff will be encouraged to attend a summer workshop entitled "Reaching the Hardest To Involve Parents", workshop designed to help parents and teachers form "Parent Partnership Teams" at the school level
- b. The school will continue to support the Parent Partnership Team Program that provides a coordinated approach to increasing parent involvement meeting the requirements of NCLB
- c. Workshops will be offered to staff.

All Teaching staff and Principals must take 25 hours of staff development offered through the District. These include offerings such as:

- 1) Literacy Institute
- 2) Writer's Workshop
- 3) Safe Schools
- 4) Differentiated Instruction K-2
- 5) Teaching Tweens
- 6) Literacy in Science
- 7) Literacy Centers
- 8) PPT Refresher Course
- 9) ETT2 Computer Training
- 10) Columbia University Reading Institute
- 11) Fountas and Pinell Assessment Training
- 12) Good Habits Great Readers Training
- 13) Curriculum Map Training
- 14) Technology in Education
- 15) Classroom Management
- 16) Managing Disruptive Behavior
- 17) Understanding by Design

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- 18) Mentoring Program
- 19) LLI
- 20) Co-Teaching at Risk Students
- 21) Guided reading Instruction for ESL Students

7. The school will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with public preschool and other 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, by:

- a. Offering parents the opportunity to attend workshops, conference attendance and visitation to other programs.

8. The school will take the following actions to ensure that information related to the school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities, is sent to the parents of participating children in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon request, and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand:

- a. Parents will receive written communications from the school in a language parents can understand, to the extent practicable in flyers and through the school newsletter.

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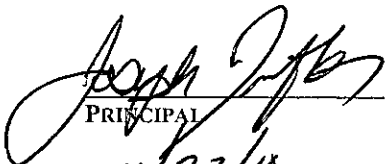
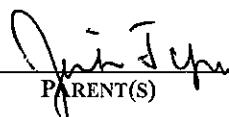




Part A: School Parental Involvement Policy

IV. Adoption

This School Parental Involvement Policy has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs. This policy was adopted by the Martin Luther King Elementary School on 9-8-10 and will be in effect for the period of one school year. The school will distribute this policy to all parents of participating Title I, Part A children in September of the appropriate school year.

SIGNATURES:

MARTIN LUTHER KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

 PRINCIPAL <u>10/27/10</u> DATE	 PARENT(S) <u>10-27-10</u> DATE	 TEACHER <u>10-27-10</u> DATE
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**Part B: School-Parent Compact**

Martin Luther King Elementary School, and the parents of the students participating in activities, services, and programs funded by Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) (participating children), agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State's high standards.

This school-parent compact is in effect during the 2010-2011 school year.

**Required School-Parent Compact Provisions**

**School Responsibilities**

1. Martin Luther King Elementary School will:

Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment that enables the participating children to meet the State's student academic achievement standards as follows:

- Teachers at Martin Luther King Elementary School serve on district sponsored curriculum writing projects.
- Increased frequency of regularly scheduled time for faculty and staff to share, reflect and learn about the implementation of effective instructional techniques and strategies.
- Professional development will focus on improved instruction.
- Mission statement of Martin Luther King Elementary School emphasizes challenging and integrated curricula.
- Students are given support through our after school programs.

2. Hold parent-teacher conferences (at least annually in elementary schools) during which this compact will be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement. Specifically, those conferences will be held:
  - For 2010-2011 Parent Conferences are offered: November 10, 12, 30 and December 2.
  - The compact will be shared at our PTO meeting, Parent Partnership Team meetings and Parent workshops.
3. Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress. Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:
  - Computer Access from Home
  - Parent conferences when requested
  - Progress reports
  - Newsletters
  - Email contact
  - Phone Calls
  - Notes
4. Provide parents reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:
  - Parent conferences will be set up and can be requested by the parents by calling the school.
  - Opportunities are provided by teachers for students to obtain extra help.
  - Parent information nights and parent/student events and workshops are scheduled.
  - Back to School Orientation -- What to expect for your child this year night.
5. Provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and to observe classroom activities, as follows:
  - Parents make arrangements through the principal to observe classrooms.
  - Parent may sign up with our principal or teacher to volunteer their time or to participate in activities.
  - Teachers seek out parents to volunteer for field trips and other activities.
  - School newsletter is published monthly and provides information to parents about a variety of parent opportunities including workshops, school events, and volunteer opportunities.

### **Parent Responsibilities**

1. We, as parents, will support our children's learning in the following ways:
  - Making sure that students attend school regularly and on time.

- Making sure that homework is completed.
- Monitoring amount of television their children watch.
- Volunteering in my child's classroom when possible.
- Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my children's education
- Making sure that my child uses their time out of school wisely
- Support the school's efforts to provide a safe and orderly environment.
- Keep the school informed about changes in contact information.

Parents are encouraged to:

- Stay informed about my child's education and communicating with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school or the school district either received by my child or by mail and responding, as appropriate.
- Serving, to the extent possible, on policy advisory groups, such as being the Title I, Part A parent representative on the school's School Improvement Team, the Title I Policy Advisory Committee, the District wide Policy Advisory Council, the State's Committee of Practitioners, the School Support Team or other school advisory or policy groups.

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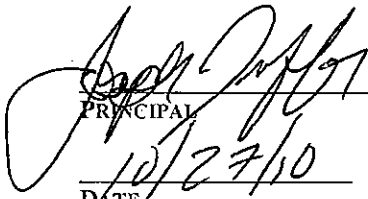
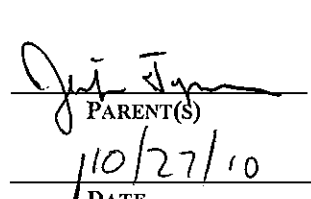
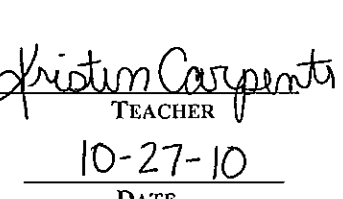
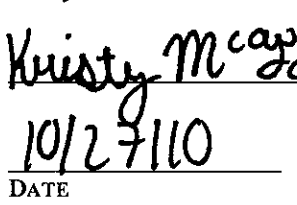
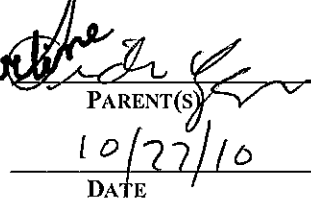
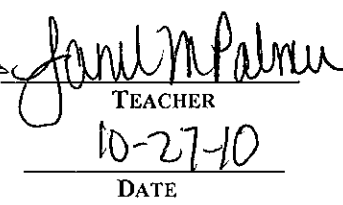
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The following people viewed our 2010-2011 ML King Parent Partnership Home School Compact. They read it, asked questions, and gave feedback.

*Josephine Stanley*  
*Debra Jones*  
*Angela Appang*