

# Keewaydin Family Involvement Plan (FIP)

2017-2018

~ Our Commitment to Engaging Families ~

*Purpose: Because we know that family engagement is key to student success, Keewaydin will create meaningful, accessible and equitable opportunities for all families to engage with their students and the school.*



Family Engagement Goals	How Will We Achieve These Goals?
<p><b>Families Feel Welcome at School</b> Create a warm and welcoming environment, and support families with transitions between schools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite families to school tours; High School transition events/ Registration; Open House; Student Assemblies/ Celebrations; Talent Show; Woodlawn Walks, Volunteer Breakfast, Screen Free Nights; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade visit to Keewaydin; Poetry Slams; Spelling Bee, Fine Arts Night; AVID Family Nights; Grade Level Family Events; Trent Tucker Reading Challenge; Team Sports Events; and Native American, Latino and African American Family Involvement Days</li> <li>• Greet families warmly</li> <li>• Display culturally-relevant student work</li> <li>• Student Ambassadors help host family events and help transition new students to Keewaydin both on school tours and in first days in classrooms</li> </ul>
<p><b>Families have Equitable Communication and Access</b> Provide all families with equitable access to school communications and meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send school communications via email, robo call, website, and backpack flyers</li> <li>• Translate communications into Spanish</li> <li>• Offer meetings in the evening (Site Council &amp; PTA) and morning (Coffee with the Principal)</li> <li>• Provide childcare at Site Council &amp; PTA meetings</li> <li>• Offer transportation support and home visits/conferences</li> </ul>
<p><b>Families are Engaged in Leadership and Planning</b> Engage families in writing the annual Family Involvement Plan (FIP), School Improvement Plan (SIP), Family-School Compact, and school budget. Share these documents with all families.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct a “Barriers to School Involvement” survey</li> <li>• Partner with Site Council/PTA to update the SIP, FIP, Compact and budget</li> <li>• Translate these documents into Spanish</li> <li>• Share them via email, website, Open House and conferences</li> </ul>
<p><b>Families are Engaged in their Students’ Academic Achievement</b> Provide resources and training to families and staff to help families more fully participate in their students’ education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide frequent reports to families on their students’ progress</li> <li>• Teach families how to read test results</li> <li>• Discuss grade-level standards at Grade Level Family Events</li> <li>• Classroom teacher websites updated twice monthly</li> <li>• Host a Literacy/Math Night</li> <li>• Host Advanced Learner Parent Nights</li> <li>• Provide resources to families to help students learn at home</li> <li>• Encourage families to attend MPS District Advisory Meetings</li> <li>• Connect families to community partners, including PACER</li> <li>• Notify all families about Title 1 spending and enrichment</li> </ul>

opportunities (including ALC/GEMS/GISE, Community Ed, Advanced Algebra, CoGat testing, NUMATS)

- Hold staff training on skills for engaging families
- Offer families easy access to staff, classrooms and volunteer opportunities
- Encourage families to share ideas, concerns, and questions
- Respond to parents in a timely and transparent manner