DESCRIPTION OF HOW SCHOOL WILL IMPLEMENT REQUIRED SCHOOL
PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

John L. Hurt Elementary School

1. John L Hurt, Jr. 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:
   - PTO officers (parents of students) along with Title I teachers and administration will form committee.
   - The committee will meet at the beginning of school.
   - Parents will be involved in scheduling after school events (PTO meetings, Bingo Night, Science Night etc.)

2. John L. Hurt, Jr. Elementary will take the following actions to involve parents in the process of school review and improvement under section 1116 of the ESEA:
   - Parents are welcome to review the School Improvement Plan that is written at the beginning of each school year.
   - Our website has links to VDOE where parents can view valuable information about the status of the school and view the School Report Card
   - Parent representative on Title I Advisory Board
   - Newsletters sent home at intervals during school year

3. John L. Hurt, Jr. Elementary School will provide the following necessary coordination, technical assistance, and other support to assist Title I, Part A schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance:
   - All teachers will provide information to parents about internet based programs used at school that can be accessed from home in a newsletter at the beginning of the year.
   - Parents will be instructed in the use of PowerSchool Parent Portal to locate student assignments and keep track of student grades.
   - PTO will purchase daily planners for students to keep assignments in so that parents are informed.

4. John L. Hurt, Jr. Elementary School will coordinate and integrate parental involvement strategies in Part A with parental involvement strategies under the following other programs:
   - PTO Meetings
5. John L. Hurt, Jr. Elementary 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 the quality of the school. 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.

- Discussion will be held at PTO meetings allowing parents to voice suggestions for the academic programs and the amount of parental involvement at the school. Title I teachers, administration and parents will discuss these suggestions and work to maintain and improve parent involvement.

6. John L. Hurt, Jr. Elementary School will build the schools' and parent's capacity for strong parental involvement, in order to ensure effective involvement of parents and to support a partnership among the school involved, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement, through the following activities specifically described below:

A. The school will provide assistance to parents of children served by the school, as appropriate, in understanding topics such as the following, by undertaking the actions described in this paragraph --

- the State's academic content standards,
- the State's student academic achievement standards,
- the State and local academic assessments including alternate assessments,
- how to monitor their child's progress, and
- how to work with educators:
- Pittsylvania County website has information about the school curriculum.
- The Hurt Elementary website contains helpful information for parents
- Parent Teacher Conferences are held twice a year and before and after school at the request of parents.
• Three week progress reports

B. 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:

• Virginia Preschool Initiative Home-School coordinator conducts parent workshops during the year to discuss relevant academic and parenting issues.
• Kindergarten and first grade teachers will provide backpacks with books and activities for students to take home on a weekly basis to share with parents.

C. The school will, with the assistance of its parents, educate its teachers, pupil services personnel, principals 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:

• The school improvement plan addresses community relations and encourages parent and community involvement in the school
• Parenting classes through Pittsylvania County Community Services

D. The school will, to the extent feasible and appropriate, coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with Head Start, Reading First, Early Reading First, Even Start, Home Instruction Programs for Preschool Youngsters, the Parents as Teachers Program, and 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:

• John L. Hurt has a Virginia Preschool Initiative program that serves at risk four year olds.
• The guidance counselor has a section in his office with resources that are available to parents.
• The Virginia Preschool Initiative home school coordinator has brochures and literature available to parents.

E. 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:
- Monthly calendar is sent to parents with all activities for the month
- Flyers are sent home when special events are planned.
- School newsletter is sent home monthly
- Parents have access to the Parent Portal of PowerSchool which tells them of scheduled events
- School Messenger is used to notify parents of upcoming events.

DISCRETIONARY SCHOOL PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY COMPONENTS

John L. Hurt Elementary School Parent Involvement Policy will include additional paragraphs listing and describing other discretionary activities that the school, in consultation with its parents, chooses to undertake to build parents' capacity for involvement in the school to support their children's academic achievement, such as the following discretionary activities listed under section 1118(e) of the ESEA:

- involving parents in the development of training for teachers, principals, and other educators to improve the effectiveness of that training;
- providing necessary literacy training for parents from Title I, Part A funds, if the school has exhausted all other reasonably available sources of funding for that training;
- paying reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parental involvement activities, including transportation and child care costs, to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and training sessions;
- training parents to enhance the involvement of other parents;
- in order to maximize parental involvement and participation in their children's education, arranging school meetings at a variety of times, or conducting in-home conferences between teachers or other educators, who work directly with participating children, with parents who are unable to attend those conferences at school;
- adopting and implementing model approaches to improving parental involvement;
- establishing a school parent advisory council to provide advice on all matters related to parental involvement in Title I, Part A programs;
- developing appropriate roles for community-based organizations and businesses, including faith-based organizations, in parental involvement activities; and
- providing other reasonable support for parental involvement activities under section 1118 as parents may request.
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, as evidenced by,

- Agenda of the meeting
- Attendance (sign in) sheet
- Minutes of meeting

This policy was adopted by John L. Hurt Elementary school August 30, 2017 and will be in effect for the 2017-2018 school year.

Kathryn J. Lowry
August 30, 2017
SCHOOL-PARENT COMPACT

John L Hurt 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 school year 2017-2018.

School Responsibilities

1. John L Hurt 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 will participate in staff development activities as noted on the school calendar.
   - Teachers will participate in conferences and workshops which will enhance classroom instruction.
   - Title I teacher will be used for Math and Reading remediation for all grade levels.
   - Fieldtrips and guest speakers will be used to further classroom learning.
   - Teachers will meet state requirements for licensure and will be endorsed in their area of instruction.

2. John L. Hurt Elementary School will 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.

   - Conference Night will be held after the first and fourth six weeks during the school year.
   - Conferences will also be held after the four PTO meetings.

3. John L. Hurt Elementary School will provide parents with frequent reports on their children’s progress. Specifically, the school will provide reports as follows:

   - Progress Reports are sent at the mid-point of each six week marking period
   - Report cards are sent home at the end of each six-week marking period.
• Signed paper folders are sent home each Monday with student work
• Parent Portal

4. **John L. Hurt Elementary School** will provide parents reasonable access to staff. Specifically, staff will be available for consultation with parents as follows:

  • *Teachers are available before and after school and during planning times to meet with parents.*
  • *Teachers conference with parents on the telephone if parents are having difficulty getting to school.*
  • *Parent conference nights are scheduled during the school year.*

5. **John L. Hurt Elementary School** will provide parents opportunities to volunteer and participate in their child’s class, and to observe classroom activities, as follows:

  • Fieldtrip chaperones
  • Book Fair
  • Read across America
  • Fund Raisers
  • Science Night
  • Field Day activities

**Parent Responsibilities**

We, as parents, will support our children’s learning in the following ways:

• Monitoring attendance.
• Making sure that homework is completed.
• Monitoring amount of television their children watch.
• Participating, as appropriate, in decisions relating to my children’s education.
• Promoting positive use of my child’s extracurricular time.
• Staying informed about my child’s education and communicating with the school by promptly reading all notices from the school 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.
**Student Responsibilities**

We, as students, will share the responsibility to improve our academic achievement and achieve the State’s high standards. Specifically, we will:

- Do homework every day and ask for help when I need to.
- Read at least 30 minutes every day outside of school time.
- Give to my parents or the adult who is responsible for my welfare all notices and information received by me from my school every day.

**Additional Required School Responsibilities**

**Hurt Elementary** will:

1. Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of the school’s parental involvement policy, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way.

2. Involve parents in the joint development of any schoolwide program plan, in an organized, ongoing, and timely way.

3. Hold an annual meeting to inform parents of the school’s participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements, and the right of parents to be involved in Title I, Part A programs. The school will convene the meeting at a convenient time to parents, and will offer a flexible number of additional parental involvement meetings, such as in the morning or evening, so that as many parents as possible are able to attend. The school will invite to this meeting all parents of children participating in Title I, Part A programs (participating students), and will encourage them to attend.

4. Provide information to parents of participating students in an understandable and uniform format, including alternative formats upon the request of parents with disabilities, and, to the extent practicable, in a language that parents can understand.

5. Provide to parents of participating children information in a timely manner about Title I, Part A programs that includes a description and explanation of the school’s curriculum, the forms of academic assessment used to measure children’s progress, and the proficiency levels students are expected to meet.

6. On the request of parents, provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions, and to participate, as appropriate, in
decisions about the education of their children. The school will respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

7. Provide to each parent an individual student report about the performance of their child on the State assessment in at least math, language arts and reading.

8. Provide each parent timely notice when their child has been assigned or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified within the meaning of the term in section 200.56 of the Title I Final Regulations (67 Fed. Reg. 71710, December 2, 2002).

Optional School Responsibilities

To help build and develop a partnership with parents to help their children achieve the State’s high academic standards, Hurt Elementary will:

1. Recommend to the local educational agency (LEA), the names of parents of participating children of Title I, Part A programs who are interested in serving on the State’s Committee of Practitioners and School Support Teams.

2. Notify parents of the school’s participation in Early Reading First, Reading First and Even Start Family Literacy Programs operating within the school, the district and the contact information.

3. Work with the LEA in addressing problems, if any, in implementing parental involvement activities in section 1118 of Title I, Part A.

4. Work with the LEA to ensure that a copy of the SEA’s written complaint procedures for resolving any issue of violation(s) of a Federal statute or regulation of Title I, Part A programs is provided to parents of students and to appropriate private school officials or representatives.

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