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Barnes Butte Elementary Family Engagement Plan

Barnes Butte Elementary values the collaboration between families, students, and educators and recognizes the importance of building a strong partnership with parents and community members to positively impact our students. By implementing a Family Engagement Plan, we aim to create a supportive and collaborative environment where parents feel valued, informed, and empowered to actively engage in their child's education. Barnes Butte Elementary understands that parent involvement is essential for removing barriers and fostering equal partnerships in the educational process. We believe that consistent communication empowers parents to work alongside educators, enhancing each student's learning experience to its fullest potential.

Goal: At the start of the school year, our district welcomes families to Back to School Night. During this event, our families will have an opportunity to learn about our school's instructional and intervention programs, how and when students are progress monitored, and ways families can actively participate in and support their child's education.

- **Strategies**

- Slide show presentations about Title 1A will be created and shared with families at the annual meeting.
- The school's Reading Specialist will be available to answer any questions.
- A survey will be provided to gather guardians' feedback on school events and resources.
- Forms of Communication:
 - ParentSquare
 - Invitations
 - Emails
 - School Newsletter

Goal: School teams will promote communication and collaboration with families, providing opportunities for them to share their needs and suggestions.

- **Strategies**

- Classroom teachers will communicate with families a minimum of 1 time per month through ParentSquare, newsletters, email, and/or phone calls.
- Our Student Compact will be shared annually at Fall Parent Teacher Conferences.
- Parents/Guardians will be invited to join and share feedback as a part of our Advisory Team Meeting, held 2+/year
- Student progress will be shared through:
 - Parent Teacher Conferences
 - Report Cards 2x/year
 - Progress Reports (for applicable students)
 - IEP Meetings
 - CARE Meetings

Goal: Family engagement activities will be organized based on parent and guardian feedback, tailored to address student learning needs, and scheduled at convenient times and in accessible formats for families.

- **Strategies**

- During each school year, staff will create and share a parent survey including topics of interest and availability. This survey will help shape engagement events in the following school year. Survey results will be shared at the annual meeting at the start of each school year.
- Survey data will be utilized to create 1-2 whole-school Family Engagement opportunities such as Family Reading Night, and 1 or more grade-level specific opportunities.
- Community Building Events such as the School Carnival will be offered in collaboration with our Barnes Butte PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). Our school's Advisory Team will review the survey results and provide input.

Goal: Families will be informed about all school-related activities and meetings in a language they understand and will be encouraged and supported to actively participate in their child's education.

- **Strategies**

- The school will communicate in a family's preferred home language by:
 - Utilizing the ParentSquare translation feature
 - Continuing our partnership with FAN (Family Access Network)
 - Accessing regional interpreters

This Family Engagement plan has been developed by family members and school staff representing our school community.

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