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The Coventry Public Schools wholeheartedly supports and encourages greater involvement of parents/community in the education of children. We especially encourage parent/community involvement in our schools with Federally (i.e. Title I, No Child Left Behind) and State funded projects. In order to meet all Federal and State regulations, we establish certain expectations for all Coventry Schools. As such, all schools are required to adopt a Parent Engagement Policy. Therefore, in accordance with the Coventry Public Schools Parent Involvement Policy and the Elementary Parent Handbook, Hopkins Hill Elementary School is proud to present our School Parent Engagement Policy for 2014-2015.

Hopkins Hill Elementary School is a neighborhood school with an economically diverse population. Our school community responds to family and student need whether in the classroom during the school day or in the family events planned by our active Parent Teacher Association. We value all members of our community and engage in activities designed to promote academic, social, and emotional growth. Our goal is to prepare children for life-long learning with a rigorous academic program, purposeful instruction, and authentic learning opportunities along with opportunities for children to perform good deeds that have a positive impact on the school community and the community at large. To that end, parent/family engagement is critical to the fulfillment of our mission.

In accordance with the Coventry Public School's Parent Involvement Policy, the Hopkins Hill Parent Engagement Policy includes the following provisions:

- *Hopkins Hill takes pride in the partnership of families as we work toward the betterment of our students and school community. Past, current, and future School Improvement Plans (SIPs) have and will always include a parental/family engagement piece as well as a parent as a member of the School Improvement Team (SIT).*
- *All families will receive school related updates and information through a weekly parent bulletin and regularly updated web page along with opportunities to receive information regarding school initiatives, teacher and administrative professional development, state assessments, and information about Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Teachers also provide newsletters with information about classroom events and projects, units of study, and homework.*
- *Hopkins Hill families will have opportunities for extended programming with workshops on social/emotional, reading, and math strategies, before, after, and summer school learning academies, and an extended day kindergarten program at no cost.*
- *Parents will be an integral part of dialogue and discussion when a student is eligible for special services through Special Education or Response to Intervention (RtI). We will inform parents about a child's Personal Literacy Plan (PLP) and benchmark and progress monitoring assessments such as STAR, DRA, DIBELS, and Math Basic Skills Progress.*
- *We invite parents at Hopkins Hill to attend as many district or school sponsored events as possible. There are many opportunities for parents/families to meet and discuss student*

progress and/or curriculum with teachers and administrators throughout the school year. Open House and Parent/Teacher Conferences are two formal avenues for discussion. Parents and teachers are encouraged to seek alternate forms of communication such as phone conferences or email exchanges in the event that face-to-face meetings are not possible. We expect the principal and teachers to return parent phone calls or emails within 24 hours. We also offer many informal opportunities for parents to attend school events or volunteer during the school day or at PTA events. According to Rhode Island statutes, all school volunteers must have a yearly BCI check, but attendance at performances, exhibitions, or other events is open to all.

- *The Hopkins Hill PTA, in conjunction with school administration, encourages parents to join the PTA and participate in social/cultural events. Our PTA is committed to providing low cost, family friendly events after school and on weekends and welcomes parental input at monthly meetings, through email, or phone calls. The PTA also generously supports a monthly cultural arts program for students during the school day.*
- *We ask all parents and teachers to review the Title I School Compact and Title I brochure at the beginning of each year. We developed these documents to ensure that we all work towards consistent and positive home-school communication designed to promote student engagement and academic success.*

Hopkins Hill Elementary School is a special place filled with special people. We are successful because of the commitment, involvement, engagement, and partnerships of faculty, staff, students, and families. It is with commitment to excellence and attention to the ever-changing landscape of education that we move forward with this Parent Engagement Policy.

Hopkins Hill...together we EMPOWER learners!

E = Educate

M = Motivate

P = Persevere

O = Open to collaboration

W = Whole child, whole community

E = Equipped for the future

R = Respectful, responsible, and safe.

Our Title I school wide application team of faculty and parents developed this mission and vision in 2013.