

## **STATE/FEDERAL LAW**

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) serves as the latest reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) which was last reauthorized in 2002 as the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). Since its inception, the intent of the law has been to provide all children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, high-quality education and to close educational achievement gaps. Parent and family engagement and consultation have always been a key piece of the law, focused on serving the socioeconomically disadvantaged. Gaps in educational opportunity and achievement will only be remedied when those closest to the affected students – parents, families, and communities – are driving decision-making, which is one of the mandated aims of ESSA.

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## **LEA PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN (PFEP)**

The *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*, Section 1116 requires that every district and school receiving Title I Part, A funds, develop a written parent and family engagement policy/plan. The policy/plan shall be developed jointly with parents and families, and agreed upon by parents and families, and distributed to parents and families. The policy/plan is a statement that describes the family engagement program for the school year. The emphasis should be on the unique roles of home and school and how this partnership will enhance student success.

You may access and view a copy of your child's school's parent and family engagement plan on the school's website. In addition, a copy of the parent and family engagement plan can be obtained by contacting your child's school.

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