



Title I Parent Meeting

Harambee Institute of Science & Technology Charter School
October 13th & 14th, 2020



Agenda:

1. *What is Title I?*

- a. Overview of Title I and schoolwide status
- b. Allocation of our federal funding
- c. Our planning team
- d. Curriculum and instructional strategies
- e. Achievement targets

1. *How can I get involved?*

- a. Parent-teacher communication
- b. Right to Know
- c. Parent involvement policy and opportunities



What is Title I?

- Title I is a federal program that provides funding to schools to help close the achievement gap.
- Title I funding is allocated to schools based on the percentage of students receiving free/reduced lunch. Schools with a percentage of at least 40% are eligible for a schoolwide Title I program.



What does it mean to have a schoolwide Title program?

- Title I funding is used to serve all children in order to increase academic achievement across the school.
- Title I funding is used to upgrade the entire educational program of the school.
- Title I funding is used to provide additional assistance to all students who experience difficulties in meeting the state's academic performance targets.



What makes us a schoolwide school?

- The school must have a free/reduced lunch count of at least 40%.
- The school must collect and analyze data that affects student achievement.
- The school must develop a Comprehensive Site Plan and review the effectiveness of the plan annually.



Harambee Title I Schoolwide Plan



Total Federal Funding for the 2020-21 school year: \$561,391

- Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs: \$490,355
- Title II, Part A - Supporting Effective Instruction: \$39,109
- Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment: \$32,927



How does Harambee allocate its federal funding?

- Support highly qualified teacher status
- Paraprofessionals
- Technology -
 - Student and Teacher Devices
 - Online intervention platforms: iReady, IXL
 - Student assessment program: iReady, IXL, Aimsweb
 - Virtual learning tools
- An instructional coaching program to support teachers with data-driven, differentiated instruction that serves students at all academic levels.
 - Mama Brown: Grades K-2
 - Mama Yolanda: Grades 3-5
 - Mama Megan: Grades 6-8



Federal Programs Planning Team:

1. Administrative Team

1. Federal Programs Coordinator

1. Parent Liaison

1. Parent Representatives



PSSA Achievement Targets

- **ELA:** a minimum of 4% increase in the number of students who are scoring proficient/advanced for the 2020-21 SY.
- **Math:** a minimum of a 4% increase in the number of students who are scoring proficient/advanced for the 2020-21 SY.
- **Science:** a minimum of 4% increase in the number of students who are scoring proficient/advanced for the 2020-21 SY.



Our Curricula and Instructional Tools

- **ELA Curricula:**
 - Grades K-5: Journey's
 - Grades 6-8: Collections
 - Grades K-8: IXL Intervention Tool
- **Math Curricula:**
 - Grades K-8: Ready PA
 - Grades K-8: iReady and IXL Intervention Tools
- **Science Curricula:**
 - Grades K-6: Science Dimensions
 - Grades 7-8: Science Fusion



Our Assessments

- Aimsweb standards-aligned benchmark exams
- IXL Diagnostic Testing for ELA and mathematics
- iReady Diagnostic Testing for mathematics
- PSSA Exams
 - Grade 3: ELA and Math
 - Grade 4: ELA, Math, and Science
 - Grade 5-7: ELA and Math
 - Grade 8: ELA, Math, and Science

Parent-Teacher Communication Regarding Student Achievement

As a school community, we utilize Class Dojo to facilitate ongoing communication between walimu (teachers) and wazazi (parents).

- Class Story
- Class Dojo Messenger



Title I Parent Notification Requirements



Parents' Right to Know

- *A Right to Know Letter* was distributed via e-mail and dojo, and is posted on our school website.
- You may request the information about the professional qualifications of your student's teachers and/or paraprofessionals.
- Non-certified teachers have a certification plan.



Parent Involvement Policy

- Our *Parent Involvement Policy* discusses how we will engage our wazazi (parents) in schoolwide decisions and strategic planning.
- Our policy can be found on the school website under "Parent Resources."
 - www.histcs.org



School-Parent Compact

- The *School-Parent Compact* details the responsibilities of the school, the wazazi (parents) and the watoto (students) in the education of our children.
- A copy of the *School-Parent Compact* can be found on histcs.org under "Parent Resources."



How can I get involved?



Parent Involvement Opportunities

- Ongoing parent meetings
 - Orientations
 - Back to School Night
 - Technology/Trainings
 - Responses to Surveys
- Meetings will be announced via e-mail, website, and Class Dojo

Parent Involvement Opportunities

- Board meetings
- Upcoming meetings:
 - October 28, 2020
 - November 18, 2020
 - December 30, 2020

Parent Involvement in Decision Making

Harambee parents are encouraged to join the *Harambee Parent Association* (HPA) and attend regularly scheduled meetings.



Right to Request Meetings

Wazazi (parents) can schedule meetings to voice any questions, comments, or concerns.

- To schedule a meeting, call the main office at: 215-472-8770



Direct your questions to:

Swati Mehrotra, Federal Programs Coordinator
smehrotra@histcs.org



Asante sana!

