

TITLE-I FUNDING for Parent / Family Engagement

Parent / Family Engagement Set-Aside 1%

No Title-I dollars are ever given as discretionary funds to the school or to any outside group. Line items requested for all purchases must come from the Comprehensive Needs Assessment - what has the Academy identified as the needs of the school and are they reasonable and allowable under Federal Legislation?

Parents / Families should complete surveys and attend meetings to let the school know what they believe are the most important needs - this becomes part of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment. Last year, parents/ families were provided opportunities at the School Improvement Team Meetings and surveys at back2school Night - Annual Title-I meeting; Reading Night, Game Night, Science Night, Ice Cream Social and Fall & Spring Conferences. These surveys ask the importance of the services we use Title funds for and any workshops / trainings / events that parents / families would like to be scheduled for the following year.

Line Items are put into the Consolidated Application which are then approved by the Academy's Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) Regional Consultant from the Office of Educational Supports (OES). Items can not be ordered or purchased without the APPROVAL from MDE which typically occurs over the Summer for the following school year.

MDE's approved line items for the Academy for 2023 - 2024 were:

- \$2,000 for supplies at meetings / workshops / events
- \$3,280 for staff member hourly stipends (that total includes mandatory fringe benefits) to conduct workshops
- \$3000 for School Messenger system to communicate with families.- phone / email / text school-wide communication of events, deadlines, website postings, etc.

Total Set-Aside Funding \$8,280

Other Funds Accessed for Parent / Family Engagement for 23-24: ESSER III for Family Game & Science Night; and literacy workshops K-3 and math workshops K - 8.

Families are more than welcome to form a separate Parent Group, such as a Parent Teacher Association [PTA Link](#)