



## **District Accountability System Goal 4, Objective A**

### **Engaging Our Students' Parents**

Executive Summary – March 2014

In accordance with the District Accountability System's Goal 4, Objective A, the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System (SCCPSS) is committed to increasing the level of interaction our school district and our schools have with parents and members of the community. The attainment of this objective will be determined by detailing ten areas of measurement that are reflective of engagement activities.

Community and parent engagement is vital to the growth of public education. Parents who are informed and involved with what transpires in their child's classroom contribute greatly to the educational environment by helping to ensure students are engaged and ready to learn. And while the level of involvement ultimately depends on the parent, the outreach efforts our schools generate provide opportunities for the development of relationships that build positive learning experiences.

School Year 2013-14 is far from over, yet many activities have occurred that have given parents and community members the opportunity to connect and collaborate with SCCPSS.

District level highlights include participation in the annual Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance "Ready, Set, Go" Back to School Fair, the Hunter Army Airfield Back to School Expo, and the Savannah Morning News Back to School Expo. District 3, 4, and 7 Town Hall Meetings have been held along with individual Community Meetings for all District 6 Schools. ESPLOST community meetings for the Heard Classroom Addition, Isle of Hope K-8 Replacement School, Hesse K-8 Replacement School, and the New Port Wentworth School have all been conducted and SCCPSS was active organizing three separate community meetings specific to West Side Attendance Zone Changes and Facility Reconfiguration plans. This outreach campaign included supplemental efforts to reach western Chatham County residents through participation in the Port Wentworth Chamber of Commerce Community Oyster Roast.

Participation in the Hunter Army Airfield Community Leaders Informational Forum, United Way's Community Indicators Coalition, New Beginning Youth Art Exhibition, and the Youth Art Month Exhibition at the Savannah Mall have also occurred. District staff also works closely with Parent University organizers and helps to coordinate Parent University Meetings. This school year, two such meetings have been held.

Now in its sixth year, the district organized Student Success Expo was held at the Savannah Mall and continues to be one of the premier parental engagement events offered by SCCPSS. And new this year, the first-ever Digital Literacy Rally was held in partnership with Comcast. The event was

designed to provide an educational experience for parents that would help to keep them informed of the tech-rich learning environments and parent engagement tools found within Savannah-Chatham Public Schools.

On the site level, school organized events, PTA meetings, and outreach efforts, all contributed to positive activities that benefit our students.

Some of the school highlights this year include the Brock Elementary Career Expo, Gould Elementary Doughnuts with Dad's event, Heard Elementary FYI about SRI, Jacob G. Harlem Wizards Basketball Game, Largo-Tibet Parent Center Meet & Greet, Garrison Specialty High School Program Awareness Night, DeRenne Middle Literacy Festival for Parents, Myers Student Graduation Plan Informational Night, Parent Saturday School at Beach High School, and the Johnson High Visit Your Child's Classroom Week.

These events, and others like them, provide a venue for parents to enter the school, meet with faculty and staff, and gain valuable information to strengthen their understanding of school requirements and educational services. Other common events that take place within the schools include Family Math & Science Nights, Title I Parent Workshops, Book Fairs, and Financial Aid for College Nights.

The examples listed above provide highlights of activities that have been offered to encourage engagement, and represent those outreach efforts that have occurred through March 2014. Information included in this report also details by school (**see tables 1,2,3,4,5**), key engagement activities that have been utilized, including those schools that have submitted an application for Model PTA consideration. The report will be finalized with the calculation of the scoring rubric on the completion of the current school year and will be provided in September 2014.

Table 1: **Elementary Schools**

School	Tracks Parent Volunteer Hours	# of Parent Conf. Offered	Uses the Call-Out System	Posts Information with Web Based tools	Uses Newsletter & Flyers	Offers Academic / Moral Based Parent Activities	# of PTA Meetings Conducted	Model PTA App	Two Civic Cmty events
Bloomingtondale	No	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Yes	2
Brock	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Yes	2
Butler	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	Yes	3+
CEMCS	Yes	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	No	3+
Gadsden	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	No	3+
Garden City	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	3+
Gould	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Yes	2
Haven	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1	No	3+
Heard	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	No	3+
Hodge	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	2
Howard	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Yes	3+
Largo-Tibet	No	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	2
Low	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	No	2
Marshpoint	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	Yes	2
Pooler	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Yes	3+

Pt. Wentworth	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	No	3+
Pulaski	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	1
Shuman	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	1
J.G. Smith	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	1
Southwest	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	2
Spencer	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Yes	3+
Tybee Maritime	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	No	No/Yes	3	No	3+
Thunderbolt	No	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	No	3+
West Chatham	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Yes	2
White Bluff	No	3	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	Yes	1
Windsor Forest	No	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	Yes	1

Table 2: K-8 Schools

School	Tracks Parent Volunteer Hours	# of Parent Conf. Offered	Uses the Call-Out System	Posts Information with Web Based tools	Uses Newsletter & Flyers	Offers Academic / Moral Based Parent Activities	# of PTA Meetings Conducted	Model PTA App	Two Civic Cmty Events
East Broad	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/No	3+	No	3+
Ellis Montessori	No	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Yes	2
Garrison	No	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Yes	2
Georgetown	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	3+
Godley Station	Yes	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	Yes	2
Hesse	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Yes	3
Isle of Hope	No	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	3
Savannah Classical (K-6)	No	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	2

Table 3: Middle Schools

School	Tracks Parent Volunteer Hours	# of Parent Conf. Offered	Uses the Call-Out System	Posts Information with Web Based tools	Uses Newsletter & Flyers	Offers Academic/ Moral Based Parent Activities	# of PTA Meetings Conducted	Model PTA App	Two Civic Cmty Events
Coastal	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/No	3+	No	3+
DeRenne	No	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/No	3	No	2
Hubert	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Yes	2
Mercer	No	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	
Myers	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	3+
Oglethorpe Charter	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/No	3	No	1
The STEM Academy at Bartlett	No	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Yes	3+
Southwest	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	Yes	3+
West Chatham	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Yes	3+

Table 4: High Schools

School	Tracks Parent Volunteer Hours	# of Parent Conf. Offered	Uses the Call-Out System	Posts Information with Web Based tools	Uses Newsletter & Flyers	Offers Academic / Moral Based Parent Activities	# of PTA Meetings Conducted	Model PTA App	Two Civic Cmty Events
Beach	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	3+
Groves	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Yes	3+
Islands	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	2
Jenkins	Yes	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/No	3	Yes	1
Johnson	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	2
New Hampstead	Yes	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	1
Savannah Arts Academy	Yes	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Yes	3+
Savannah High- School of Liberal Studies	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	No	3+
Windsor Forest	No	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/No	None	No	1
Woodville	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	No	3+

Table 5: Other Educational Centers

School	Tracks Parent Volunteer Hours	# of Parent Conf. Offered	Uses the Call-Out System	Posts Information with Web Based tools	Uses Newsletter & Flyers	Offers Academic / Moral Based Parent Activities	# of PTA Meetings Conducted	Model PTA App	Two Civic Cmty Events
Coastal GA Comp.	No	3	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	None	No	2
Early College	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3+	Yes	3+

**Rubric:** Available at the completion of the 2013-2014 School Year

Rubric All Schools	Minimal Progress 0%-24% of Schools (1 point)	Fair Progress 25%-50% of Schools (2 points)	Moderate Progress 51%-79% of Schools (3 points)	Significant Progress 80%-96% of Schools (4 points)	Excellent On Target 97%-100% of Schools (5 points)
Achieves Model PTA status. **Applications submitted in March/April 2014	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Conducts three or more PTA meetings within the year.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Organizes morale/spirit based parent activities at the school.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Organizes academic based parent activities at the school.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Keeps parents informed using school/parent newsletters.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Keeps parents informed using web-based tools.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Keeps parents informed using the call-out system.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Conducts three or more parent conferences.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Documents parent volunteer hours.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Principal participates in two or more community or civic events.	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

**SCORING KEY:**

9 Points = Minimal Progress

18 Points = Fair Progress

27 Points = Moderate Progress

36 Points = Significant Progress

45 Points = Excellent Progress