



District Accountability System Goal 4, Objective A Engaging Our Students' Parents and the Community

Executive Summary – September 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.

In School Year 2013-14 many activities occurred that gave 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. Participation in the Hunter Army Airfield Community Leaders Informational Forum, United Way's Community Indicators Coalition, New Beginning Youth Art Exhibition, Georgia Historical Society's Georgia Day Parade, May Day at Massie, and the Youth Art Month Exhibition at the Savannah Mall have all provided positive highlights that share in beneficial community engagement activities. 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. Each year, all schools participate to showcase their educational offerings to parents and the community. The venue also serves to provide key information about Specialty Program offerings and the application process. And last school 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. SCCPSS also provided the first-ever student job fair. This venue gave high school students an opportunity to engage with future employers and get a jump start on the world of work. Thirty-five area businesses were involved, giving the district a wonderful platform for which to engage with the community.

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 include the Butler Breakfast for Pro-Dads, Brock Elementary Career Expo, Garrison Specialty High School Program Awareness Night, Godley Station Spring Fling, Gould Elementary Doughnuts with Dad's event, Heard Elementary FYI about SRI, Jacob G. Harlem Wizards Basketball Game, Largo-Tibet Parent Center Meet & Greet, Port Wentworth Elementary Multi-Cultural Night, DeRenne Middle Literacy Festival for Parents, Hubert Middle Navigating the Web Informational Session, 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 took place within the schools include Family Math & Science Nights, Title I Parent Workshops, Book Fairs, and Financial Aid for College Nights.

The examples listed provide many highlights of the activities that are organized and offered across the school district. This report details by school (**see tables 1,2,3,4,5,6**), the engagement activities utilized during the 2013-14 school year. The scoring rubric illustrates significant progress and the quality points attained place the district above the 2014 target for this objective.

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	Two Civic/Cmty events
Bloomingtondale	No	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	Yes	2
Brock	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	No	3+
Butler	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	No	3+
Gadsden	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	No	3+
Garden City	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3	No	3+
Gould	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	Yes	3+
Haven	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/No	1	No	3+
Heard	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	Yes	3+
Hodge	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	No	3+
Howard	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	No	3+
Largo-Tibet	No	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	No	2
Low	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	No	3+
Marshpoint	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	Yes	3+
Pooler	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	No	3+
Pt. Wentworth	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	No	3+
Pulaski	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	2	No	2
Shuman	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	Yes	3+
J.G. Smith	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	No	3+
Southwest	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3	No	2
Spencer	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	No	3+
Thunderbolt	No	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	No	3+
West Chatham	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	No	3+
White Bluff	Yes	3	No	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3	Yes	1
Windsor Forest	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/No	3+	No	2

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	Two Civic Cmty/ Events
East Broad	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	No	3+
Ellis Montessori	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	Yes	2
Garrison	No	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	Yes	2
Georgetown	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	No	3+
Godley Station	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	Yes	3+
Hesse	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	Yes	3+
Isle of Hope	No	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3	No	3+

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/Yes	3+	No	3+
DeRenne	No	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/No	3+	No	3+
Hubert	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	Yes	3+
Mercer	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3	No	1
Myers	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	2	No	3+
The STEM Academy at Bartlett	No	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	Yes	3+
Southwest	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3	Yes	3+
West Chatham	Yes	3+	Yes	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	Two Civic/ Cmty Events
Beach	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	2	No	3+
Groves	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	Yes	3+
Islands	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	No	2
Jenkins	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	Yes	1
Johnson	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3	No	3+
New Hampstead	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	No	1
Savannah Arts Academy	Yes	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	Yes	3+
Savannah High- School of Liberal Studies	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	No	3+
Windsor Forest	No	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	0	No	2
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	Two Civic/Cmty Events
Coastal GA Comp.	No	3	Yes	Yes	No	Yes/Yes	0	No	2
Early College	Yes	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	Yes	3+

Table 6: Charter 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	Two Civic/Cmty Events
Coastal Empire Montessori Charter	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	No	3+
Oglethorpe Charter	Yes	3+	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/No	3	No	2
Savannah Classical Academy	No	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/Yes	3+	No	3+
Tybee Island Maritime Academy	Yes	2	Yes	Yes	No	No/Yes	3	No	3+

Rubric: 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.		2			
Conducts three or more PTA meetings within the year.				4	
Organizes morale/spirit based parent activities at the school.				4	
Organizes academic based parent activities at the school.					5
Keeps parents informed using school/parent newsletters.				4	
Keeps parents informed using web-based tools.					5

Keeps parents informed using the call-out system.					5
Conducts three or more parent conferences.			3		
Documents parent volunteer hours.				4	
Principal participates in two or more community or civic events.				4	

SCORING KEY:

- 9 Points = Minimal Progress
- 18 Points = Fair Progress
- 27 Points = Moderate Progress
- 36 Points = Significant Progress
- 45 Points = Excellent Progress

SY 2013-14 TOTAL POINTS

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