

## WSSD's Title I Information

The vision of WSSD is to empower students with the knowledge, skills and character to succeed and contribute in an ever-changing global community. WSSD commits to provide equitable access to opportunities that prepare all students for a viable future by supporting and challenging students to achieve their highest potential and become responsible, confident, independent learners and problem-solvers, and engaged citizens of good character and diverse talents with both the compassion and passion to contribute to the broader community.

One of the best ways to accomplish this goal is to nurture a partnership between families and schools. To provide this learning experience, WSSD invites all parents and guardians to be involved in their child's education through emails, telephone calls, and parent teacher conferences (held twice annually). We also encourage parents to complete clearances and volunteer when possible. We have many other ways to get involved. See the links for your school on the Parent Involvement page of the website.

We also invite parents to a district level parent group with representatives from across schools. The group is called **Neighborhood Partners**. Neighborhood Partners serves as a parent and family advisory group committed to the creation of a dynamic welcoming community engaged in dialogue and purposeful partnership to support the well-being and achievement of ALL students. This group reviews the district parent engagement practices and policies, provides feedback on federal programs (I, II and IV), sets goals, and supports improved communication and partnership. See the Parent Involvement link on the website.

Contact the C & E office for more information ([jgaudio@wssd.org](mailto:jgaudio@wssd.org)).

In addition to the above ways to communicate and be involved, we host an annual parent meeting to review and update the district Parent and Family Engagement Policy and the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Parent compact. We also ask for parent input about our Title I program, our parent compact, and other ways we support students and families. At the end of each school year, Title I parents will be surveyed about the Title I program and asked for input on use of future Title I funds.

### **What is Title I?**

This federal program provides financial assistance to qualifying schools in order to ensure all students meet challenging academic standards.

### **Schools**

For the 2018-2019 school year Nether Providence Elementary School met the federal criteria for Title I, and are focusing these funds on the acquisition of reading and math skills. This means that WSSD receives federal dollars to enhance reading and math instruction in this school.

**Title I Staff:**

Maria Thomas, Title I reading teacher

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Please reach out to our Title I teachers with questions about Title I at your school.

You can also address questions to Dr. Jennifer Gaudioso, Director of Elementary Education and Coordinator of Federal Programs.

For more information on parent and guardian engagement and the benefits of collaboration between guardians, schools, and communities please visit The Pennsylvania State Parent Advisory Council website: <https://www.spac.k12.pa.us/index.html>.