

## Integration with Other Programs

West Salisbury has established partnerships with the community:

- Eden and Salisbury Head Start Centers
- Salisbury University
- Wicomico County Library Bookmobile
- Wicomico County Mentoring Project
- Faith based partnerships with Wesley Temple U.M. Church, St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church
- Birth to Five



## Ensuring Accessibility

The Family Engagement Plan will be available in a brochure in both English, Spanish and Hattian Creole. Transportation as well as interpreters are provided upon request for school events. Invitations/flyers are translated as needed. The West Salisbury Elementary School Improvement Plan is available for families to review. This plan incorporates the 4 components of a schoolwide Title I program and the instructional, attendance and program goals of the school. This plan is available for review at [www.wcboe.org](http://www.wcboe.org). Families may submit questions or comments about the brochure and plan to the Principal or School Improvement Team Chairperson.

## Providing Assistance and Training

Families of Title I students will be provided with timely information about the Title I program and parent involvement requirements under the Every Student Succeeds Act. Parents will also receive information about the curriculum being taught, proficiency levels students are expected to achieve and school and individual assessment data and results with an explanation. This information may be shared at Back to School Night, a Title I Orientation Meeting and Parent Advisory Council Meetings. Families will also have the opportunity to attend regular meetings related to the education of their children.



## Family Engagement Activities and Tools

West Salisbury will offer the following activities:

- A Family Information center
- 2 family nights
- 1 strategy workshop
- 2 PAC meetings
- The Tiger Times school newsletter with a family engagement section
- Second grade Community Helpers Field Trip

## West Salisbury Elementary School



## Family Engagement Plan 2021-2022



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The Wicomico County Board of Education recognizes that families are their children's first teachers and that they function as educators throughout their child's lives. More than thirty years of research show that student academic success and high self esteem are closely related to parent involvement in education from prekindergarten through high school. West Salisbury Elementary also believes that the education of our children is a shared responsibility. Involvement by the school, the family and the community creates a stronger education system and improves the quality of life for students, their families and the entire community of Wicomico County. The school system as well as individual schools make the commitment to establish programs and practices that create a climate of mutual trust and respect, and that support substantive family engagement.

## Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meetings

West Salisbury Elementary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings are held twice a year at the school. All families are invited to attend. The following topics are discussed and reviewed at all PAC meetings: The Family Engagement Plan and Compact, activities, funds, the standards taught in classrooms and assessment data. Families provide input on these topics. Parents also provide input on professional development for teachers as it relates to understanding the school community and family engagement.



## Coordination and Support

Program coordination and technical assistance for West Salisbury Elementary School (WSES) in planning and implementing effective family engagement activities are provided through the efforts of the Title 1 Supervisor and supported by the Family Engagement Specialist. West Salisbury Staff members provide ideas, organize materials, share resources, participate in events and facilitate PAC meetings.

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## Family Reading + Math Nights

West Salisbury Elementary School holds family reading and math nights for students and their families. The goal of the family reading and math nights is to reinforce skills currently being taught in the classroom. This is achieved by using games, manipulatives and family participation. Each family will receive materials to take home in order to help their child master these skills. Transportation and interpreters can be provided upon request.



## Interest Survey and Volunteer Survey

At the beginning of the school year, families are asked to complete interest and volunteer surveys. The family interest survey indicates topics for workshops, as well as convenient times and days of the week to attend events at school. The volunteer survey provides the school with information about how families can partner with the school through a variety of activities such as participating on the Parent Advisory Council, assisting with making family night materials and volunteering in the classroom. Information from both surveys will support the school's efforts in working with families as equal partners.

## Community Helpers Field Trip

Second grade students and their parents are provided an opportunity to participate in a virtual Community Helpers field trip. Participants will explore the "behind the scenes" routines of several Wicomico County businesses. There are opportunities to see the Fire Station, Police Station, Library, Mayor's Office and visit WMDT news station.



## Full Day Pre-Kindergarten

The Pre-Kindergarten Expansion Grant allows us to offer all day pre-kindergarten classes to our families. We believe that all children should enter school ready to learn, and that families are the foundation for their children's success.

