

**ELBERT COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
DISTRICT PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
2011-2012**

Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) has strengthened and expanded the requirements for involving the parents of Title I students. These requirements assist with ensuring parent consultation, participation, involvement, and information within the Title I program; by explicitly requiring the local educational agency (LEA) and schools to develop a written parental involvement policy. The policy provides coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve academic achievement and school performance. The LEA and parents must jointly agree upon the policy created. It must then be distributed to parents of participating children and made available to the local community.

In response to this requirement, The Elbert County School District Parent Advisory Council for the 2011-2012 school year has been established for the following purposes:

- To build the capacity to involve parents in an effective partnership with the school; and**
- To share and support high student academic achievement.**

In addition, the District Parent Advisory Council will assist in reviewing and revising the existing District Parental Involvement Policy. From time to time, the District Parent Advisory Council may be asked to review other information or materials pertaining to the use of Title I funds, parental involvement activities, and other initiatives by federal programs to support student achievement in the Elbert County School System.

The District Parent Advisory Council consists of parents of Title I eligible students from each participating school. Meetings will be held three times during the school year (fall, winter, and spring). Specific dates and times will be announced in advance via radio, web page, newspaper, and flyers sent home by students. All parents of Title I eligible students are invited to attend and participate in the meetings.

For further information, parents may contact Dr. Martha Noble, 706-213-4012 or via email: mnoble@elbert.k12.ga.us; Wausheka McClary at 706-213-4050; or Laura Evans at 706-283-8838.