

**Cusick School District  
Bess Herian Elementary School  
Parent Involvement Plan/Policy  
2016-2017**

The staff of Bess Herian Elementary School is committed to involving parents in the education of their children, supporting the community, and collaborating with all stakeholders to ensure open communication, a safe environment and a positive learning community at school.

Bess Herian Elementary School will provide communications and opportunities to families in the following ways:

- Participate in CARE Team meetings for their children as necessary to enhance student achievement and appropriate social skills.
- Continue the Site-Council which will make recommendations to staff in the following areas:
  - School Improvement Team
  - Positive School Climate Committee
  - Parent/Teacher Organization
  - Family Night Planning Team
- The Site-Council will meet at least each semester to set priorities and activities. The Site-Council will also review building level parent involvement policies and the school/parent compact on an annual basis.
- Bess Herian Elementary staff will support the development of community volunteers and mentors who will:
  - Receive training in school rules, policies and procedures
  - Receive training in instructional strategies and data collection
  - Receive training in how to mentor students
  - Receive background checks, (to include fingerprinting), prior to volunteering or mentoring on a consistent basis
- Invite families to participate in training opportunities alongside teachers and para-educators
- Communicate with families through flyers, letters, phone calls, parent/teacher or student-led conferences, and the website which includes family access, class and homework assignments, missing assignments, attendance/tardy records, teacher e-mail addresses, school bulletin, schedule of events, field trip information, principal letter, and district-wide program information as well as other methods regarding student achievement and behavior to ensure an open home/school connection.
- Inform parents of Title I, Part A requirements at an annual meeting each spring.
- Support collaboration, consensus building and a “no-blame” principle within the school and community to enhance and ensure cooperation between school and community partners.

Reviewed by Site-Council Team 5/19/2014