

Mission: Barack & Michelle Obama Elementary inspires all scholars to reach high levels of academic and social achievement to become future leaders through a collaborative system of support.

The Family Engagement Plan (FEP) is organized into four impact areas. We will be working together this year to build positive and goal-oriented relationships in each area. Families and staff at school developed this plan together.

<b>Welcoming Environment</b>	
<b>Our school has staff member(s) available for families to discuss this plan and ask questions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Family Liaison: Ericka Dennis 651-744-3381</b></li> </ul>
<b>Our school communicates with families in many ways.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our school has Friday Folders for every scholar Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade which go home each Friday and are returned the following week. Inside the folder are class and school-wide information</li> <li>• We send fliers, automated phone calls, emails, texts and stickers and Save the Dates to remind families of resources and opportunities that our building has to offer families.</li> <li>• We also offer a school-wide online calendar, monthly school-wide newsletters and weekly class newsletters.</li> <li>• We have an open door policy and all families are welcome to visit, bring their concerns and get support when needed and wanted by families. When families raise a concern or question, we do our best to respond as soon as possible.</li> </ul>
<b>The achievement gap, or rather the “opportunity gap,” between students of color and white students in Saint Paul Public Schools is unacceptable. Our school is working to change practices and systems by identifying the barriers that make it harder for students of color to succeed and for their families to support their learning.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>For more about our work on racial equity, contact your child’s classroom teacher or the Family Liaison, Ericka Dennis.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Transitions between schools can be challenging, and we work to help families as their children start and leave our school.</b>	<p><b>For new students and families, we support the transition by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The transition from home-to-school is supported through a Pre-K orientation the spring prior to the school year (May).</li> <li>• In late August, when families are invited to participate in Meet the Teacher Night/Open House.</li> <li>• Transitions are supported throughout the school year with Take Your Parent to School.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In addition, there are transition opportunities between grades with options for families to visit the upcoming grade and ask questions.</li> </ul> <p><b>For students and families moving to the next school in their pathway, we support the transition by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We encourage Middle School visits and share transition information with 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents at a parent meeting in the spring.</li> </ul>
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<b>Family Partnerships</b>	
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<p><b>Our school-parent compact establishes the shared responsibility for student success between the school, families, and students. Families and teachers work together to develop the compact.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Copies of the compact are available on site and online (Obama.spps.org).</b></li> <li>Parents will receive the compact at the Great Obama Get Together on September 26, 2019</li> <li><b>The compact will be updated:</b> March 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; May 21<sup>st</sup></li> </ul>
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<p><b>There are many opportunities for families to build connections to the school and to each other.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Title I Annual Meeting where we will share information about school programs on September 26<sup>th</sup> during the Great Obama Get Together</b></li> </ul> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>9/26</td> <td>5:7pm</td> <td>Back to School Night/ Title 1 meeting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10/17</td> <td>8-10 am</td> <td>Take Parent to School/Lit workshop</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11/14</td> <td>4-7pm</td> <td>Specialist Night/Conferences/SCIP Review</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12/19</td> <td>8-10pm</td> <td>Math Olympics/ Parent Workshop</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1/23</td> <td>5-7pm</td> <td>Family Health and Fitness</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/10</td> <td>8-1</td> <td>NAAPID/Parent Academy/SCIP Review</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3/19</td> <td>4-7pm</td> <td>School Dance/Conferences/Compact work</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/16</td> <td>8-10am</td> <td>Visit Next Grade/Budget/FEP workshop</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5/21</td> <td>5-7pm</td> <td>Carnival/Compact workshop</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5/29</td> <td>11-12</td> <td>Parent &amp; Volunteer lunch</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) will be on February 10, 2020</b></li> <li><b>Family Seminars will be held in:</b> February</li> <li>Home Visits – When possible our staff will support and build a connection with families through the Parent-Teacher Home Visit Project.</li> </ul>	9/26	5:7pm	Back to School Night/ Title 1 meeting	10/17	8-10 am	Take Parent to School/Lit workshop	11/14	4-7pm	Specialist Night/Conferences/SCIP Review	12/19	8-10pm	Math Olympics/ Parent Workshop	1/23	5-7pm	Family Health and Fitness	2/10	8-1	NAAPID/Parent Academy/SCIP Review	3/19	4-7pm	School Dance/Conferences/Compact work	4/16	8-10am	Visit Next Grade/Budget/FEP workshop	5/21	5-7pm	Carnival/Compact workshop	5/29	11-12	Parent & Volunteer lunch
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<p><b>We work to make these meetings and events available for every family in the school.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Translation and interpretation services are available upon request for scheduled school events. We make every effort to provide this service to families to foster communication and understanding.</li> <li>Family engagement opportunities are scheduled to provide families with a wide variety of times and days to be engaged at school. Although many of our family opportunities are</li> </ul>
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	<p>created offer a family experience, some gatherings are geared towards adult family members. When able and appropriate, we offer light snacks, transportation and child care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We work with our ELL teacher to survey the needs of our English learners and the best strategies to reach them.</li> </ul>												
<p><b>Our school supports families as advocates and provides opportunities for parent leadership</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents are encouraged to connect with their scholar’s teacher or school staff with whom they have made a connection to discuss any concern or need they may have.</li> <li>• Staff will receive information about Best Practices when working with families during a designated staff meeting and email connections</li> <li>• Families will review, discuss, and revise the Compact, FEP and SCIP on the following dates:</li> </ul> <table data-bbox="727 877 1495 1020"> <tr> <td>9/26</td> <td>5:7pm</td> <td>Back to School Night/ Title 1 meeting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3/19</td> <td>4-7pm</td> <td>Dance/Conferences/Compact workshop</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/16</td> <td>8-10am</td> <td>Visit Next Grade/Budget/FEP workshop</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5/21</td> <td>5-7pm</td> <td>Carnival/Compact workshop</td> </tr> </table>	9/26	5:7pm	Back to School Night/ Title 1 meeting	3/19	4-7pm	Dance/Conferences/Compact workshop	4/16	8-10am	Visit Next Grade/Budget/FEP workshop	5/21	5-7pm	Carnival/Compact workshop
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## Teaching and Learning

<p><b>Our school shares information about state standards, assessment and student achievement with families in multiple ways</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Report cards and progress reports will be distributed</b> at conferences (both on-site and home visit conferences) in mid-November and mid-March, or at parent’s request.</li> <li>• <b>Parent-Teacher conferences are held 3 dates in mid-November and mid-March. Conferences take place either on-site or off-site at locations of the parent and teacher’s choice.</b></li> <li>• We offer Home conferences, arena style 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served conferences, and traditional 20 minute classroom conferences.</li> <li>• Inform parents in writing about their child’s progress in report cards, 504 plans &amp; IEP’s (when applicable).</li> <li>• Families are encouraged to participate in the following Family Events to build the home-school connection and to learn strategies to help your scholar improve their academic goals:             <table border="0" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>9/26</td> <td>5:7pm</td> <td>Back to School Night/ Title 1 meeting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10/17</td> <td>8-10 am</td> <td>Take Parent to School/Lit workshop</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11/14</td> <td>4-7pm</td> <td>Specialist Night/Conferences/SCIP Review</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12/19</td> <td>8-10pm</td> <td>Math Olympics/ Parent Workshop</td> </tr> </table> </li> <li>• Families are encouraged to use apps and websites so students can practice counting, numbers, basic addition and subtraction facts at home.</li> <li>• Use homework packets to practice phonics, decoding, writing vocabulary and spelling.</li> <li>• Parents are welcome to sit and sit in on math and reading lessons at school.</li> <li>• Read weekly newsletters for an overview of the concepts scholars are learning in class and provide parents with important vocabulary introduced in classrooms.</li> </ul>	9/26	5:7pm	Back to School Night/ Title 1 meeting	10/17	8-10 am	Take Parent to School/Lit workshop	11/14	4-7pm	Specialist Night/Conferences/SCIP Review	12/19	8-10pm	Math Olympics/ Parent Workshop
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<p><b>Our school will engage in personalized learning as a key strategy to accelerate student achievement. Parents can get more information using many tools.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent log-in information can be accessed at <a href="http://spps.org/onestop">spps.org/onestop</a> or by asking the school clerk</li> <li>• Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> grade scholars will receive an iPad to work with during the school day. All iPads will stay at school</li> </ul>												
<p><b>Many before- and after-school enrichment and support opportunities are available for students</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our School plans to participate in (EDL) Extended Day Learning after school program which runs from mid-October</li> </ul>												

	<p>to early May on Mondays and Wednesdays for 2 hours after the regular school day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EDL is for 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade scholars</li> <li>• Transportation and a healthy snack is offered.</li> </ul>
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<b>Community Partnerships</b>	
<p>Our school develops community partnerships to provide additional support for students and their families</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have several community collaborations that support families and student social and academic success. These include Unity Church, Project Kofi (Wilder Foundation), William Mitchell Law, Reading Corps, Math Corps and local community members.</li> </ul>

This plan is available as part of our school’s SCIP, or School Comprehensive Improvement Plan at [spps.org/scip](https://spps.org/scip), is on our school website at [Obama.spps.org](https://obama.spps.org), and printed copies are available in the office and in the Family Resource Room.