Dear Parent/Guardian,

Cousins Middle School students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, agree that this compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement as well as describes how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the challenging State academic standards. Please review the attached School-Parent Compact.

Please sign and date below to acknowledge that you have read, received, and agree to this School-Parent Compact. Once signed, please return the form to your child’s teacher and keep the School-Parent Compact as a reminder of your commitment. The School-Parent Compact will be discussed with you throughout the year at different school-family events as we work together to help your child succeed in school. We look forward to our school-parent partnership!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Atosha Logan
Principal

Teacher Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________ Date: __________

Student Signature: __________________________ Date: __________
School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What it is?

This policy describes how Cousins Middle School will provide opportunities to improve parent engagement to support student learning. Our mission at Cousins Middle School is to exhibit a culture where friendliness, respect, and trust are the norm. We value the contributions and involvement of parents to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. Our goal is to provide an atmosphere that empowers all students to believe, achieve, and succeed at their highest potential. This policy describes the variety of ways that Cousins Middle School will support parent engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

Cousins Middle School held a Revision and Development Meeting at the end of last year that offered parents and stakeholders the opportunity to provide input on the District and School Parent and Family Engagement Policy, the School-Parent Compact, The School Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan (CLIP), and the Parent Involvement funding. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year. The plan is posted on our school Web site for parents to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All parent feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online and by mail to ask parents for their suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Parents can also give feedback during several parent meetings and activities during the school year.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Cousins Middle School will provide full opportunity for the participation of all parents including parents with Limited English proficiency, parents of students with disabilities and parents of migratory children, the opportunity to be a part of these activities, by providing resources that will aid in the participation of these activities.

Where is it available?

At the beginning of the year, the policy is sent home as part of the Title I Parent and Student Packet. Cousins Middle School will notify parents of the parental involvement policy by having printed copies available on the night of Open House in August. Additional copies will be placed in the front office and in the parent resource room. The policy will also be conveniently displayed on our school web site under the Title I tab. The policy will be made available in a format and language that the parent can understand.

What is Title I?

Cousins Middle School is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.
Newton County Schools Goals
The mission of Newton County Schools is to provide educational excellence to all students. To accomplish this mission, the following goals have been set (Optional): (1) Increase the graduation rate; (2) Increase opportunities for students to demonstrate success; and (3) Improve student mastery of standards.

Cousins Middle School’s Goals
Reading Goal: Students in grades 6-8 will increase their ELA/Reading scores by 3% as measured by report cards at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
Focus Areas: Vocabulary for informational reading

Math Goal: Students in grades 6-8 will increase their Math scores by 3% as measured by report cards at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
Focus Areas: Basic math computational skills

School-Parent Compacts
As part of this plan, Cousins Middle School and our families will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the Revision and Policy Development meeting in the spring. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child’s homeroom teacher if parents need a copy.

Parent Engagement Program and Activities

Cousins Middle School will take the following measures to promote and support parents as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will ensure that all information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities is published in English and Spanish, posted on the school Web site, and included in the monthly school newsletter for all parents. Cousins Middle School is committed to helping our parents attend the parental activities listed in this plan. Please email us if you need assistance in order to participate in our programs.

richardson.felicia@newton.k12.ga.us or newbold.donna@newton.k12.ga.us

Please Join Us:

July 28, 2021—5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Open House

August 26, 2021—6:00 p.m.
Annual Title I Parent Orientation
All families are invited to receive information about our Title I program including our Parent and Family Engagement Policy, School-Parent Compact, parental involvement funding, and volunteering opportunities.

August 26, 2021—6:00p.m.
Parent University
This is an opportunity for parents to learn about the standards that will drive the curriculum for the new school year. Parents will receive tips and strategies to help students have a successful school year.

September 10, 2021—2:00 p.m.
Parent Conferences
Parents are invited to come and visit their child's teachers to be updated on their academic progress for the 1st Semester.

November 11, 2021—6:00 p.m.
Literacy Night
Grade levels (6-8) will facilitate subject-specific activities that allow parents a hands-on experience in reading strategies that aid in student achievement success for math, social studies, science, and language arts.

February 4, 2022—2:00 p.m.
Parent Conferences
Parents are invited to come and visit their child's teachers to be updated on their academic progress for the 2nd Semester.

March 3, 2022—6:00 p.m.
Annual Title I Stakeholders’ Input Meeting
Parents, students, families, community members, and faculty will revise parent compact and school and district parent and family engagement policies, parental involvement budget, our schoolwide plan, building staff capacity, and the CLIP for 2021-2022 school year.
Parent Engagement Funds

Did you know that each LEA that receives more than $500,000 in Title I, Part A funds, shall reserve at least one percent of its allocation to assist schools to carry out the parental engagement activities? Attend our Annual Title I Stakeholders’ Input Meeting to give your input on how we can use our funds to provide you with the tools, resources and strategies to help your child reach academic success.

March 3, 2022—6:00 p.m.
Annual Title I Stakeholders’ Input Meeting

Parent and Family Engagement

To guarantee student success, a partnership between school and parents is vital. At Cousins Middle School, we recognize that parents are their child’s primary teachers, and their support is critical in our efforts to provide a quality education to the children at Cousins Middle School.

Parental involvement means the participation of parents in a regular, two-way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities ensuring—

That parents play an integral role in assisting their child’s learning.

That parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child’s education at school.

That parents are full partners in their child’s education and are included in decision-making to assist in the education of their child.

Building Capacity to Believe, Achieve, and Succeed

Cousins Middle School will carry out the six requirements to build parents' capacities listed below. We have also provided examples of how we will meet these requirements:

**We will** assist parents in understanding the state’s content standards, academic achievement standards, assessments, monitoring a child’s progress, and working with educators by publishing all relevant information in English and Spanish and hosting informational sessions throughout the year, distributing handouts, and using the school’s website (parental involvement tab) with appropriate links to resources.

**We will** provide materials and training to assist parents in supporting their child’s success (including copyright piracy) by offering parent nights for math, language arts, social studies, and science that emphasize content standards and strategies for parents to help within the home.

**We will** host a parent tech connect sessions to assist parents with the technology necessary for student support.

**We will** the build the capacity of our staff to work with parents as equal partners through training and the sharing of tips throughout the year.

**We will** coordinate programs and activities that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children to include a smooth transition from grade-level to grade-level.

**We will** provide a parent resource center that is open daily for parents to check-out support materials.

**We will** ensure that information distributed to parents is understandable by providing user-friendly language and offering language translations if needed.

**We will** provide other support as needed by request or as determined by school personnel through parent feedback and surveys.
Measures of Effectiveness

- **Parent Meeting Evaluation**—to gather feedback from the parents to evaluate the effectiveness of the meeting and to gain insight on parent academic support for future meetings.

- **Parent Survey Data**—to gain insight on ENES effectiveness in meeting the needs of parents in various areas such as technology, parent workshop topics, and school climate so that we can create an environment that meets the needs of all parents and families.

- **Revision and Development Stakeholders Meeting**: to give all stakeholders the opportunity to give input to build the effectiveness on the:
  - Parent and Family Engagement Policy-School and District
  - School-Parent Compact
  - Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan (CLIP)
  - Title I Schoolwide Plan
  - Building Staff Capacity
  - Parent Involvement 1% Funding

- **Student Outcomes**: to access if strategies and activities, as outlined on the school parent compacts, are effectively impacting student achievement.

- **Multiple Opportunities for Input**: Cousins Middle School will provide several opportunities for parents and families to give input on the effectiveness of the Title I Program. Parents can access our Title Schoolwide Plan, The Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and the School-Parent Compact on our school’s website. These documents are also located in our parent resource room located next to the Media Center.
Parent Comments and Suggestions

We want to hear from you! If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of the schoolwide program plan that you feel needs to be adjusted, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and leave this form in the office.

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Telephone Number (optional)_________________________________________

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