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AN ACT

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," establishing parent involvement programs and policies in school districts.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 528. Parent Involvement Programs and Policies.--(a) The board of school directors in a school district of the first class, first class A, second class, third class or fourth class shall establish a parent involvement program, parent involvement policy and parent involvement committee.

(b) A parent involvement program established by a board of school directors shall include the following:

(1) Identification of existing resources, activities or materials in the school district that may be used by parents to improve the academic achievement of students in the school district.

(2) Identification of existing resources, activities or materials in the school district that may be used by parents to improve or supplement techniques used by parents at home to support and improve the academic achievement of students in the school district.

(3) Identification of a districtwide system of communicating information between parents and school officials regarding the curriculum, academic goals and strategic plan of the school district.

(4) Identification of any supplemental academic services available to students whose score on any Pennsylvania System of School Assessment test is below proficient.

(5) Identification of any mechanism through which parents can provide recommendations to the board of school directors regarding programs that may improve the academic achievement of students in the school district.

(6) Identification of any mechanism through which the school district can provide information to parents regarding resources, activities or materials in the school district that may be used by parents to improve the academic achievement of their students.

(c) A parent involvement policy established by a board of school directors shall include the following:

(1) Identification of goals and objectives for the involvement of parents in the improvement of the academic achievement of students in the school district.

(2) Identification of specific strategies to meet the goals and objectives required under paragraph (1).

(3) Explanation of the resources, activities, materials and mechanisms identified in the parent involvement program.

(4) Explanation of the role of the parent involvement committee established under subsection (d).

(d) A parent involvement committee established by a board of school directors shall consist of parents of students enrolled in the school district and shall be responsible for providing the board of school directors with recommendations on the school district's parent involvement program and parent involvement policy. If a school district currently has established a committee of parents that makes recommendations on school policies, the board of school directors may utilize that committee to meet the requirements of this subsection.

(e) A board of school directors shall provide for the publication and dissemination of information related to the school district's parent involvement program and parent involvement policy. The board of school directors shall:

(1) Provide a copy of the parent involvement policy to the parents or guardian of each student enrolled in the school district.

(2) Make copies of the parent involvement program and parent involvement policy available for inspection in the administrative office of the school district and provide copies upon request.

(3) Provide copies of the parent involvement program and parent involvement policy to the Department of Education no later than June 30, ~~2006~~ 2007. <—

(f) The Department of Education shall establish a

clearinghouse of information related to strategies, resources, materials and activities that may assist school districts in establishing the parent involvement program and parent involvement policy required under this section.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.