Phalen Lake Hmong Studies Magnet Family Engagement Plan 2016-17

School Vision Statement:

Phalen Lake Students are confident, creative, thinkers who seek and use knowledge in a changing world. **School Mission Statement**:

The Phalen Lake school community is committed to providing a welcoming environment that respects and honors the contributions of all families in our community. Many strategies are in place to remove barriers to that involvement including bilingual support, transportation for school events as needed, and scheduling activities at a variety of different times of day so as to encourage a high rate of participation.

SCHOOL FAMILY/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN:

Components of Plan

With input from school families, **Phalen Lake Hmong Studies Magnet will create a School Family/Community Engagement Plan** (summarized here). This document will distributed to school families and available for the public to view on the school website.

Parent Feedback Encouraged:

- Phalen Lake Hmong Studies Magnet will involve families in the planning, review, and improvement of the school.
- Parents will have opportunities for input, suggestions and discussions during parent events (offered during the school day and evenings) throughout the year that will guide the process of writing the school's compact, SCIP and FEP.

Two Way Immersion Support and Information:

 Parents will be invited to formal orientation meetings regarding the Two Way Immersion program.

Title I Program support:

• Phalen Lake Hmong Studies Magnet will hold an Title I annual meeting, in which families are informed about their school's participation in Title I. Parents will be informed of the requirements of Title I, the Parents Right to Know and Parents as Partners to be involved in the education and learning of their children.

Opportunities for Family Involvement:

- Phalen Lake Hmong Studies Magnet will offer meetings/activities in the morning or evening, and will offer, when possible: transportation, child care, interpreters, home visits, as necessary to help remove barriers to parent/guardian participation in these school activities and meetings.
- As part of the **CPC program**, preschool and kindergarten, first, second and third grade families will receive additional resources, and information. Phalen Lake will offer pre-school and kindergarten families an opportunity to participate in **Parent Academy** in the winter.

Phalen Lake Hmong Studies Magnet will provide families:

- Information about the school's programs and specialist services including Hmong Studies, Personalized Learning, enrichment, extra academic support classes in science, Hmong performing arts, supplemental math, RazKids reading App and EDL.
- **Information** about curriculum, ways that student progress is measured, proficiency levels students are expected to meet.

- **Opportunities** for regular meetings to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children.
- Communication about grade level homework expectations
- **Grade level information about online and home learning resources** for literacy and math will be provided to parents throughout the year.
- **PTO, and Parent Academy** language specific groups will discuss parenting, educational issues, community issues, and review school SCIP, compact, FEP and programs.

SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIGH STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Partnership Agreement for School Success: This document will address how parents, school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and be shared with families.

- Partnership Agreement (compact) will be discussed during family/teacher conferences,
- School will provide:
- **Frequent reports** to families on their children's progress
- **Provide** families with reasonable access to staff
- **Provide opportunities to volunteer** and participate in their child's class and observe classroom activities.

BUILDING CAPACITY: REQUIREMENTS FOR INVOLVEMENT

Phalen Lake Hmong Studies Magnet will ensure effective involvement of families/community and will support a partnership among the school, families, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

The school will:

- Maintain a volunteer program with community partners to provide additional tutoring support to students
- **Provide assistance to the families in understanding topics** such as the State's academic content and achievement standards, State and local academic assessments, how to monitor a child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their children;
- **Provide materials** to help families to work with their children to improve their children's achievement.

ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

• In carrying out the family involvement requirements, Phalen Lake will provide full opportunities for the participation of families with children with limited English proficiency, and families with children with disabilities, including providing information and school reports in a format, and to the extent practicable, in a language families can understand.