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4. The school district will provide the coordination, technical assistance and support to assist the participating schools in planning and implementing effective parental involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance;
5. The school district will involve parents of children served in Title I, Part A schools in decisions about how the one percent (1%) of Title I funds reserved for parental involvement is spent and will ensure that not less than 95 percent (95%) of the one percent (1%) reserved goes directly to the schools.

Each school served with Title I funds will:

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4. Convene an annual meeting, at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part, and explain the requirement of this part, and the right for parents to be involved in the school improvement plan.
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8. Involve parents of children served under Title I, Part A schools in the decisions about how the one percent (1%) of the Title I Part A reserved for parental involvement is spent.
9. If the schoolwide program plan for Title I, Part A is not satisfactory to the parents of the participating children, the school will submit any parent comments with the plan when the school submits the plan to the school district.
10. Provide parents with timely information about Title I programs.

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	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-5.2	Public relations and professional services, board policies, efficiency
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