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Keith Simmons, Superintendent

July 29, 2021

Dear Parents,

As a part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), all Title I schools, as well as the district, are required to develop a District Parent and Family Engagement Policy and invite parents to be a part of its annual revision. School representatives, community members and parents met on April 20, 2021, April 30, 2021 and May 1, 2021 to revise the 2020-2021 District Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

Enclosed is a copy of the revised 2021-2022 District Parent and Family Engagement Policy for the Griffin-Spalding County School System. This policy details multiple ways for parents to be involved in educational processes. Research repeatedly shows that parent participation and engagement pays huge dividends in terms of a child's academic success.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the District Parent and Family Engagement Policy, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Melinda Owens'.

Melinda Owens

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The Griffin-Spalding County School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person(s) has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

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**About GSCS**

The Griffin-Spalding County School System (GSCS) is an award-winning, AdvancED accredited district that serves 10,000 students in 11 elementary schools, four middle schools, two high schools, one alternative high school and the Griffin Regional College and Career Academy. For more information about GSCS, visit [www.spalding.k12.ga.us](http://www.spalding.k12.ga.us), follow us on Twitter at @GriffinSpalding, Instagram at @GriffinSpaldingSchools, visit [www.facebook.com/GSCSS](http://www.facebook.com/GSCSS) or download the GSCS app.