

Hugh B, Bain Middle School
Parent Involvement Policy
2006 - 2007

Hugh B. Bain Middle School is a school wide Title I project. All parents are invited to attend the annual informative Title I meeting. Parents receive the Title I Compact and are informed about our program which includes direct instruction in literacy from Title I teachers. Also through Title I funding, parents and their child/children have the opportunity to receive technology instruction in the evenings. The classes range from Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, Publisher, and Front Page. Families may also participate in Internet workshops where they receive direct instruction and guided practice in Internet skills. Specific focus is on accessing the Cranston Public Schools Web Site, the Bain Home Page, teacher web addresses, school notes, emailing, and basic computer skills.

The 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant is known as the Bain Plus 2 program of Bain Middle School. The objective is to improve learning across the content areas for all students who wish to participate. Specific school academic support and enrichment activities include extended school day, weekends, vacation weeks, and summer programming for grades 6 - 8. A quarterly newsletter is sent to families and the community. This program also seeks to improve communication by involving parents and families with the Bain community as well as improve linkages to community agencies and services within the city and state.

This year Bain is involved with COZ (Child Opportunity Zone). The COZ's mission is to link the home with the school and the community with the overarching goal of promoting school success for students. A variety of programs and services to families from basic needs remediation to parent leadership training are available. COZ has a four-tiered strategy for promoting parent involvement. Tier I works to ameliorate conditions that prohibit or prevent parent involvement. Programs at this level include RItelcare application assistance and our annual toy, coat and food drives. Tier II activities are designed to help parents feel welcome and comfortable in their child's school. Activities include *Breakfast with the Principal*, the Can We Talk? Program, parent-child programs and outreach. Parent participation is the goal of Tier III. COZ offers activities and parent volunteer opportunities to foster parent involvement. Tier IV is designed to develop parent leadership skills by offering a Community Leadership Institute with Johnson and Wales Center for Leadership Studies.

Additional parent involvement opportunities at Bain include the annual informative PLP (personal literacy plans) meeting for parents of students receiving supplemental reading instruction. Parents are welcome to attend and participate in monthly faculty meetings. Open house, the annual spaghetti supper, the annual Memorial Day program and honors night are yet other opportunities for parent involvement.

Parents of Bain students are included on Bain's School Improvement Team. They are valuable stakeholders who work along with administration, faculty members and staff in helping all students achieve high standards.

The PTB (parents & teachers of Bain) provides another opportunity for parents to work collaboratively with teachers in shared goals and initiatives for our students and the Bain community.

Bain's Alumni Association, which is headed by Gil Bedetta - a Bainite from the mid-seventies, is another important part of the Bain community. Numerous generations of Bainites plan and participate in special events throughout the year. In past years Bain has held a reunion as well as a 75th Anniversary Celebration. Additionally, Mr. Bedetta has put together a "Speaker's Bureau" of Bain alumni. Other events have included the Fall Festival, the annual Bain talent show, the Oscars, the Author in Residence program, and the annual Memorial Day program. Through Bain's Alumni Association, such things as an automated external defibrillator was donated, which may be used in a medical emergency.

