



**Florida Department of Education  
Project Award Notification**

<b>1 PROJECT RECIPIENT</b> Hamilton County School District	<b>2 PROJECT NUMBER</b> 240-1027B-7C001	
<b>3 PROJECT/PROGRAM TITLE</b> Supplementary Instructional Support for English Language Learners (ELLs)  TAPS 17A014	<b>4 AUTHORITY</b> 84.365A Title III, Part B, Improving Language Instruction USDE or Appropriate Agency  FAIN#: S365A160009	
<b>5 AMENDMENT INFORMATION</b> Amendment Number: Type of Amendment: Effective Date:	<b>6 PROJECT PERIODS</b>  Budget Period: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2017 Program Period: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2017	
<b>7 AUTHORIZED FUNDING</b> Current Approved Budget: \$20,415.77 Amendment Amount: Estimated Roll Forward: \$1,400.00 Certified Roll Amount: Total Project Amount: \$21,815.77	<b>8 REIMBURSEMENT OPTION</b> Federal Cash Advance	
<b>9 TIMELINES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last date for incurring expenditures and issuing purchase orders: 06/30/2017</li> <li>• Date that all obligations are to be liquidated and final disbursement reports submitted: 08/20/2017</li> <li>• Last date for receipt of proposed budget and program amendments: 05/31/2017</li> <li>• Refund date of unexpended funds; mail to DOE Comptroller, 325 W. Gaines Street, 944 Turlington Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400:</li> <li>• Date(s) for program reports:</li> <li>• Federal Award Date : 07/01/2016</li> </ul>		
<b>10 DOE CONTACTS</b> Program: Chane Eplin Phone: (850) 245-0417 Email: <a href="mailto:Chane.Eplin@fldoe.org">Chane.Eplin@fldoe.org</a> Grants Management: Unit A (850) 245-0496	<b>Comptroller Office</b> Phone: (850) 245-0401  Duns#: 121892491 FEIN#: F596000629013	
<b>11 TERMS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This project and any amendments are subject to the procedures outlined in the <u>Project Application and Amendment Procedures for Federal and State Programs</u> (Green Book) and the General Assurances for Participation in Federal and State Programs and the terms and requirements of the Request for Proposal or Request for Application, RFP/RFA, hereby incorporated by reference.</li> <li>• For federal cash advance projects, monthly expenditures must be submitted to the Comptroller's Office by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for the preceding month's disbursements utilizing the On-Line Disbursement Reporting System.</li> <li>• If the district includes estimated roll-forward funds, the district will be authorized to expend estimated roll-forward funds when the Department of Education Comptroller's Office certifies these funds. Agencies receiving funds under Title III, No Child Left Behind may use not more than two percent (2%) of such funds for the cost of administering the program.</li> </ul>		
<b>12 APPROVED:</b>  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="138 1774 755 1911">   <hr/>           Authorized Official on behalf of Pam Stewart            Commissioner of Education         </div> <div data-bbox="779 1785 1055 1879">           10-17-16  <hr/>           Date of Signing         </div> <div data-bbox="1193 1732 1461 1827" style="text-align: right;">            FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF  <b>EDUCATION</b>  <small>fldoe.org</small> </div> </div>		

# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROJECT APPLICATION



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 CONTRACTS, PLANTS, AND  
 PROCUREMENT

<b>Please return to:</b>  Florida Department of Education Office of Grants Management Room 332 Turlington Building 325 West Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400 Telephone: (850) 245-0496	<b>A) Program Name:</b>  <b>Title III- Supplementary Instructional Support for English Language Learners</b>  <b>TAPS NUMBER:</b> <b>17A014</b>	<b>DOE USE ONLY</b>  Date Received   Project Number (DOE Assigned) <b>240-1027A-7C001</b>
<b>B) Name and Address of Eligible Applicant:</b> <b>Hamilton County School District</b> <b>5683 US Highway 129 South, Suite 1</b> <b>Jasper, FL 32052</b>		<b>Project Number (DOE Assigned)</b> <b>240-1027A-7C001</b>
<b>C) Total Funds Requested:</b>  <b>\$21,815.77</b>  <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0;"/> <b>DOE USE ONLY</b>  <b>Total Approved Project:</b> \$ Alloc: \$20,415.77 ERF: \$ 1,400.00 TFR: \$ 21,815.77	<b>D) Applicant Contact &amp; Business Information</b>	
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<b>Physical/Facility Address:</b> Hamilton County School District 5683 US Highway 129 South, Suite 1 Jasper, FL 32052		<b>DUNS number:</b> ✓ 97E. 121892491 <b>FEIN number:</b> 59-6000629

### CERTIFICATION

I, Thomas P. Moffses, Jr., (*Please Type Name*) as the official who is authorized to legally bind the agency/organization, do hereby certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that all the information and attachments submitted in this application are true, complete and accurate, for the purposes, and objectives, set forth in the RFA or RFP and are consistent with the statement of general assurances and specific programmatic assurances for this project. I am aware that any false, fictitious or fraudulent information or the omission of any material fact may subject me to criminal, or administrative penalties for the false statement, false claims or otherwise. Furthermore, all applicable statutes, regulations, and procedures; administrative and programmatic requirements; and procedures for fiscal control and maintenance of records will be implemented to ensure proper accountability for the expenditure of funds on this project. All records necessary to substantiate these requirements will be available for review by appropriate state and federal staff. I further certify that all expenditures will be obligated on or after the effective date and prior to the termination date of the project. Disbursements will be reported only as appropriate to this project, and will not be used for matching funds on this or any special project, where prohibited.

Further, I understand that it is the responsibility of the agency head to obtain from its governing body the authorization for the submission of this application.

E)  _____ Signature of Agency Head	_____ Superintendent Title	 _____ Date
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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
BUDGET DESCRIPTION FORM -  
Title III, Part A: English Language Acquisition 2016-2017**

A) NAME OF ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT: **Hamilton County District School Board**B) Project Number (DOE USE ONLY): **240-1027B-7C001**

E) TAPS Number 17A014
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count	Activity	Function	Object	Account Title and Description	FTE	Amount
1	Stipends for teachers providing tutoring services for ELL students/parent outreach	5100	120	<u>Classroom Teachers</u> Classroom Teachers -ELL Teacher salaries to provide tutoring services after school and/or in small classroom groups during the school day at schools with significant ELL populations beginning in the Fall of 2016. Tutoring and parent outreach services for all grade clusters.	0.002	\$1,000.00
2	Stipends for Paraprofessionals for tutoring services for ELL students/parent outreach	5100	160	<u>Other Support Personnel</u> Other Support Personnel -ELL Paraprofessional hours to provide tutoring services at schools with significant ELL populations beginning in the Fall of 2016. Tutoring and parent outreach services for all grade clusters.	0.021	\$1,500.00
3	Parent Outreach Specialist to provide parent outreach services for all grade clusters.	5100	160	<u>Other Support Personnel</u> Other Support Personnel- Parent Outreach Specialist at schools with significant ELL populations Provide parent outreach services for all grade clusters	0.300	\$8,573.00
4	Retirement for Teachers and Paraprofessionals	5100	210	<u>Retirement</u> Retirement -ELL Teachers and Paraprofessionals (7.52%)	0.000	\$188.00
5	Retirement for Parent Outreach Specialist	5100	210	<u>Retirement</u> Retirement -Parent Outreach Specialist (7.52%)	0.000	\$645.00
6	Social Security for Teachers and Paraprofessionals	5100	220	<u>Social Security</u> Social Security -ELL Teachers and Paraprofessionals (6.2%)	0.000	\$155.00
7	Social Security for Parent Outreach Specialist	5100	220	<u>Social Security</u> Social Security - Parent Outreach Specialist (6.2%)	0.000	\$532.00
8	Medicare for Teachers and Paraprofessionals	5100	220	<u>Social Security</u> Medicare-ELL Teachers and Paraprofessionals (1.45%)	0.000	\$36.00
9	Medicare for Parent Outreach Specialist	5100	220	<u>Social Security</u> Medicare- Parent Outreach Specialist (1.45%)	0.000	\$124.00
10	Group Insurance for Parent Outreach Specialist	5100	230	<u>Group Insurance</u> Group Insurance- Parent Outreach Specialist	0.000	\$1,200.00
11	Worker's Compensation	5100	240	<u>Workers Compensation</u> Workers Compensation -ELL Teachers and Paraprofessionals (.0075)	0.000	\$19.00
12	Worker's Compensation	5100	240	<u>Workers Compensation</u> Workers Compensation -Parent Outreach Specialist (.0075)	0.000	\$64.00

13	Third-Party Evaluation	5100	310	<u>Professional and Technical Services</u> Professional and Technical Services Evaluation Services	0.000	\$1,000.00
14	Travel	5100	330	<u>Travel</u> Travel -Mileage for tutors for parent outreach and travel between schools.	0.000	\$225.00
15	Provide licenses for online services for ELL students and parent outreach	5100	360	<u>Rentals</u> Rentals -Licenses such as Rosetta Stone to increase reading comprehension and language acquisition for ELL students and parent outreach ((10 licenses).	0.000	\$1,600.00
16	Other Purchased Services	5100	390	<u>Other Purchased Services</u> Other Purchased Services -To provide technical assistance and support for staff to enable them to work with ELL students and families	0.000	\$1,100.00
17	Materials and Supplies	5100	510	<u>Supplies</u> Supplies -Supplemental reading materials specific to ELL students for classroom use and for parent outreach. Will include take home instructional materials; notebooks, paper workbooks, school supplies.	0.000	\$2,965.00
18	Materials and Supplies for Professional Development	6400	510	<u>Supplies</u> Supplies -For professional development activities	0.000	\$499.77
19	Indirect Cost	7200	790	<u>Miscellaneous Expenses</u> Miscellaneous Expenses -Indirect Costs (Capped at 2%)	0.000	\$390.00
<b>Totals:</b>					<b>0.323</b>	<b>\$21,815.77</b>

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Pam Stewart, Commissioner

## General Assurances

FDOE has developed and implemented a document entitled, **General Terms, Assurances and Conditions for Participation in Federal and State Programs**, to comply with:

2 C.F.R. 200, Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG) requiring agencies to submit a common assurance for participation in federal programs funded by the United States Department of Education (USDE); Applicable regulations of other Federal agencies; and State regulations and laws pertaining to the expenditure of state funds.

In order to receive funding, **applicants must have on file with the FDOE, Office of the Comptroller, a signed statement by the agency head certifying applicant adherence to these General Assurances for Participation in State and Federal Programs.** The complete text may be found in Section D of the Green Book.

**New:** The UGG combines and codifies the requirements of eight Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars: A-89, A-102 (former 34 CFR part 80), A-110 (former 34 CFR part 74), A-21, A-87, A-122, A-133, A-50. For the FDOE this means that the requirements in Education Department General Administration Regulations (EDGAR) Parts 74 and 80 have also been subsumed under the UGG. The final rule implementing the UGG was published in the Federal Register on December 19, 2014, and became effective for new and continuation awards issued on or after December 26, 2014.

Technical assistance documents and other materials related to the UGG, including frequently asked questions and webinar recordings, are available at The Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Council web site: <https://cfo.gov/cofar>.

### LEAs, Community Colleges, Universities, and State Agencies

- The certification of adherence, currently on file with the FDOE Comptroller's Office, shall remain in effect indefinitely. The certification does not need to be resubmitted with this application, unless a change occurs in federal or state law, or there are other changes in circumstances affecting a term, assurance or condition.

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## Program Specific Assurances

### Title III, Part A English Language Acquisition:

- The Local Educational Agency (LEA) will use the subgrant to build capacity to continue to provide high-quality language instruction educational programs for ELLs once the project funds are no longer available.
- The LEA will include in its District ELL Plan a certification that all teachers in a Title III language instruction educational program for ELLs are fluent in English and any other language used for instruction.
- The LEA will be of sufficient size and scope to support high-quality programs.
- The LEA consulted with teachers, researchers, school administrators, and parents, and if appropriate, with education-related community groups and non-profit organizations, and institutions of higher education in developing this program plan.
- The LEA will annually assess the English proficiency of all students identified as ELLs.
- The activities funded with this project will not be in violation of any State law, including State constitutional law, regarding the education of ELLs.
- The LEA evaluations will be used to determine and improve the effectiveness of subgrantee programs and activities.

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- X** LEA evaluations will include a description of the progress made by children in meeting State academic content and student academic achievement standards for each of the two years after these children (former ELLs) no longer participate in a Title III language instruction educational program.
  
  - X** The LEA will provide the following information to parents of ELLs: how determination of the need for ESOL services was made, how the educational needs of their children will be met, including available options of various instructional delivery models. Information will be provided to parents in a language that they can understand, unless clearly not feasible. The right to comprehensible instruction cannot be waived.
  
  - X** The LEA will ensure that no more than 2% of the Title III grant will be allocated towards administrative (direct and indirect) costs and that documentation to support these costs will be maintained.
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### **Needs Assessment**

Provide evidence of need for each of the services that will be funded through this project application. Describe the method(s) used to conduct the needs assessment (e.g. surveys, interviews) and the kinds of data and information analyzed (the most current state assessment data) to determine the need for supplementary services. The description must also include an analysis of which programs, services, and activities were successful in the previous grant, which ones were not, and new programs that the LEA will implement with this grant for the 2016-2017 school year as a result of the previous year's outcomes. Summarize results and list proposed needs in order of priority.

**Response:**

**Response:**

Response: The Hamilton County School District analyzed FSA(2015) and ACCESS for ELLs 2.0(2016) data to determine areas of need for ELL students in grade clusters and academic areas. In addition, a federal program online District survey was conducted in June of 2016 to survey teachers administrators and support staff to determine the needs for the district. Parents were surveyed in the Spring of 2016 using the 5Essentials Survey and in May of 2016 with the Title 1 Parent Involvement Survey (included questions related to ELL and ESOL) to determine parent needs, parent satisfaction and barriers to effective parent involvement (all elementary and middle/high schools in Hamilton County are Title 1 schoolwide programs).

As a population group, ELL students in Hamilton County are making progress toward state proficiency on the FSA (2015) and ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 (2016). There is a need to provide academic support to increase the academic achievement of all ELL students and address our low performing students in particular grade clusters and academic areas.

The grade clusters are:

Grades 3-5: 18% proficient in reading

Grades 6-8: 23% proficient in reading

Grades 9-12: 19% proficient in reading

Based on the FSA reading data, our greatest need is in the elementary school and high school clusters, however, ELL students in all grade clusters continue to need academic support to meet state proficiency levels.

Grades 3-5: 50% made learning gains in reading

Grades 6-8: 57 % made learning gains in reading

Grades 9-12: 36% made learning gains in reading

Overall- 50% made learning gains in reading

This data indicate that students are making learning gains in each of the grade clusters. Our goal is to increase by 5% percentage points the number of students in all grade clusters scoring proficient on the state assessment in reading. We met the goal of 5% increase in learning gains in each of the grade clusters for 2013-2014.

ACCESS for ELL 2.0 data indicate students need additional academic support in all grade clusters to make adequate progress. Our 2015-2016 results indicate the following:

% proficient in each grade cluster:

K-2: L/S-36%; R-34%; W-31%

3-5: L/S-15%; R-35%; W-23%

6-8: L/S-52%; R-29%; W-29%

9-12: L/S-57%; R-21%; W-29%

While progress on FSA reading is a continuous effort, data indicate inconsistencies and a need to continue to address all skills associated with the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0.

Hamilton County would like to provide highly qualified teacher and paraprofessional hours as a support to our ELL students in the district. The tutoring hours will provide academic support to build reading proficiency for ELL students.

Based on district parent surveys, parent involvement remains an areas of focus for the Hamilton County. The goal of the District is to have 100% of parents involved in the education of their children. In order to make progress toward the goal, we will coordinate with Title 1, FDLRS, Migrant and other federal, state and local programs, both intra and interagency, to provide educational opportunities, educational materials and activities that will encourage ELL parents to participate in the education of their child(ren) as well as allowing parents opportunities to build their own English proficiency.

## Activities

List and describe each of the LEAs proposed programs, services, and activities and include how they are aligned with the needs assessment, state content standards, student achievement standards, and state assessments. If applicable, indicate how the included activities are evidence based. Also, describe how the activities will enable districts to close the achievement gap and meet all ELL achievement targets. Activities must include professional development and parental involvement.

### Response:

Response: 1. Provide additional academic support and tutoring by highly qualified teacher(s) and paraprofessional(s) at HCHS and NHE either after school or during the school day for ELLs to improve reading/language skills for at least 1.5 hours per day 2 days per week during the school year beginning in the Fall of 2016.

2. Provide bilingual parent outreach specialist (Title 1 and Title III) and parent outreach activities to include: meetings, conferences, home visitation and family literacy programs so that parents and students learn together.

3. Provide supplemental instructional materials to include reading materials and web-based sites specifically for ELL students to assist them in the classroom and to include take home materials and activities.

4. Provide teacher and parent training in strategies to assist students with language acquisition in a Home-School Connection program through home visits and literacy materials. Training will be offered in Fall and Spring for both teachers and parents; home visits meetings will be scheduled in coordination with Title 1, Migrant, Homeless ESE, HIPYPY and FDLRS services as appropriate.

## English Language Learner Achievement Targets

### Progress in English Language Acquisition

Increase the percentage of ELLs moving up from one proficiency level to another on the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 by **5%** in each language domain of: listening, speaking, reading, and writing with 2016 as the baseline year or remain at level 5 or 6. If the LEA's percentage of ELLs is at or above the state percentage of ELLs at level 5 or 6, then the LEA must increase the percentage of ELLs moving up from one proficiency level to another on the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 by **2%** in each language domain of: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Based on the most recent assessment results for Hamilton County,

the LEA will increase the percentage of ELLs moving from one proficiency level to another by the end of 2017.

50.00 to 55.00 in listening

69.00 to 71.00 in speaking

36.00 to 41.00 in reading

4.00 to 6.00 in writing

Describe how grant activities will be used to achieve the above goal. Include how these activities provide documentation that measurable objectives will be met. If Title III funds are not being directed towards this goal, outline district initiatives that are addressing or will address measurable objectives

The Hamilton County School District will provide highly qualified teacher and paraprofessional tutoring hours after school or during the school day to assist our ELL students toward making gains in listening, speaking, reading and writing with Title III, Title 1 and district funds. The goal is to increase student achievement through progress in English language acquisition. The data indicate that our students are making gains in closing the gap in some areas with a need to support reading and writing. By continuing to work with individual and small groups of ELL students, the teachers and paraprofessional hours provide additional assistance along with existing language acquisition software, educational web materials and supplemental materials and resources for the classrooms. Our ELL students will also be monitored along with all students using iStation and Performance Matters. The tutoring will focus on those in greatest need in all grade clusters. Our goal is to meet the state objective for the percentage of ELL students making progress listening, speaking, reading and writing.



## Percent Proficient in English Language Acquisition

Increase the percentage of ELLs becoming proficient on the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 by 5% with 2016 as the baseline year. If the LEA's percentage of ELLs is at or above the state percentage of ELLs becoming proficient, then the LEA must increase the percentage of ELLs becoming proficient on the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 by 2%.

Based on the most recent assessment results for Hamilton County, the LEA will increase the percentage of ELLs becoming proficient from 17.00 to 22.00 by the end of 2017.

Describe how grant activities will be used to achieve the above goal. Include how these activities provide documentation that measurable objectives will be met. If Title III funds are not being directed towards this goal, outline district initiatives that are addressing or will address measurable objectives.

The Hamilton County School District will provide highly qualified teacher and paraprofessional tutoring hours after school or during the school day to assist our ELL students toward making gains in literacy, comprehension and writing proficiency. The data indicate that our students are not making sufficient gains toward state proficiency. By continuing to work with individual and small groups of ELL students, the teachers and paraprofessional hours provide additional assistance along with existing language acquisition software, educational web materials and supplemental materials and resources in math for the classrooms. Our ELL students will also be monitored along with all students using iStation and Performance Matters. The tutoring will focus on those in greatest need in all grade clusters. Our goal is to meet the state objective for the percentage of ELL students making progress in mathematics.

## Progress in Graduation Rate and Content Areas

Increase the graduation rate of ELLs and the percentage of ELLs achieving satisfactory or higher in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies by 5% as measured by the Florida Standards Assessment with 2015 as the baseline year. If the LEA's percentage of ELLs graduating and achieving satisfactory or higher in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies is at or above the state percentage or ELLs achieving satisfactory in these areas, then the LEA must increase the percentage of ELLs graduating and achieving satisfactory or higher by 2%.

Based on the most recent graduation and assessment results for Hamilton County, the LEA will increase by the end of 2017.

100.00 to 100.00 the percentage of ELLs graduating,

15.00 to 20.00 the percentage of ELLs achieving satisfactory or higher in English Language Arts,

40.00 to 45.00 the percentage of ELLs achieving satisfactory or higher in Mathematics,

19.00 to 24.00 the percentage of ELLs achieving satisfactory or higher in Science,

0.00 to 5.00 the percentage of ELLs achieving satisfactory or higher in Social Studies

Describe how grant activities will be used to achieve the above goal. Include how these activities provide documentation that measurable objectives will be met. If Title III funds are not being directed towards this goal, outline district initiatives that are addressing or will address measurable objectives.

The Hamilton County School District goal is to meet the state objective for the percentage of ELL students making progress in core subject areas. Title III, Title I and other federal and district funds will provide highly qualified teacher and paraprofessional tutoring hours after school or during the school day to assist our ELL students toward making gains in ELA, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. By continuing to work with individual and small groups of ELL students, the teachers and paraprofessional hours provide additional assistance along with existing language acquisition software, educational web materials and supplemental materials and resources in science (STEM initiatives) for the classrooms. Our ELL students will also be monitored along with all students using Performance Matters. The tutoring will focus on those in greatest need in all grade clusters. Our goal is to meet the state objective for the percentage of ELL students making progress in core subject areas. To continue the positive trend in graduation rate, the district will provide a graduation coach from district and Title VI funds to assist all students with schedules, coursework selection and assist all students toward college and career ready.

## **Increasing Supplemental Professional Development Activities**

This application must include supplementary professional development activities supported by Title III. Specifically, in accordance with applicable statutory and regulatory guidelines, describe the professional development activities the LEA will conduct to address the issues identified in the needs assessment and to increase student achievement and language acquisition. Include in the description how accountability and transfer of skills and knowledge to the job will be addressed and how the professional development activities will supplement, not supplant, existing district programs.

### **Response:**

#### **Response:**

The goal of the Hamilton County School District Professional Development Program to increase teacher knowledge of current ELL strategies and the process of language acquisition for ELL students. Throughout the 2016-2017 school year, teachers of ELL students will receive instructional support from the ELL coordinator, Staff Development Coordinator, Instructional Services Team, DOE Differentiated Accountability Team (DA Team) contracted services, NEFEC and FDLRS and other contracted services. Teachers will be provided with up-to-date resources and strategies (2016 Federal Program Survey of teachers and staff) to enhance and promote English language acquisition. Support will include, but not be limited to: web-based programs, including PD 360, iStation, Accelerated Reader, supplemental reading materials, dictionaries and research-based instructional strategies. Training in the use of new software to support the instructional needs of ELL students will be conducted on an as needed basis.

## **Increasing Parental and Community Participation in the Educational Experience of ELLs**

This application must include parent involvement activities supported by Title III. Specifically, in accordance with applicable statutory and regulatory guidelines, describe all parent involvement activities the LEA will conduct to address the issues identified in the needs assessment and increase student achievement and language acquisition.

### **Response:**

#### **Response:**

North Hamilton Elementary School and Hamilton County High School continue to have the largest populations of ELL students in the district. Currently the ELL population for the district is 168 (8.6%) of students in the District (2016 Survey 5 data). With the anticipated continuance of growth and a strong parent outreach program, we would like to have 100% of the parents utilize language acquisition and literacy resources. The parents of ELL students will have opportunities to meet with the school staff in a welcoming and participatory atmosphere at the schools with the assistance of the Parent Resource Specialist (bilingual). To further remove the barrier of language, a translator paid by other funding sources will be available during the school day and for home visits. Computers will be available for parents and students to access language acquisition resources to increase language and literacy skills. Materials and supplies will be provided from Title III funding to increase literacy and communication between parents and school personnel. Supplies will include notebooks, writing supplies, art supplies, and various language acquisition games as well as translation of materials/resources as needed. In addition to literacy, focus will be placed on activities to increase parent involvement in their child's education as they move through the schools and grade clusters in the district. Activities for involvement will include parent meetings, classroom meetings and observations, volunteering and special educational programs and school events. Parents will be surveyed in the Spring of 2016 with a survey adapted from a survey (English and Spanish available in both printed copy and online) to determine the effectiveness of the parent involvement services. A third party with a Ph.D. in Evaluation will analyze the results and report them to the District for dissemination to parents and community in the Summer of 2016.

## **Consultation with Private School Officials (Equitable Services for Private School Participation)**

In accordance with P.L. 107-110, Title IX, Part E Uniform Provisions, Subpart 1, Section 9501, the applicant must provide a detailed plan of action for providing consultation for equitable services to private school children and teachers within the LEA service area. For details, refer to URL: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg111.html>.

Include a description and complete plan of action of how timely, meaningful, and ongoing consultation with private schools has been and will continue to be implemented to address equitable services to eligible students in private schools. Please list individual schools contacted, process for identifying and assessing ELLs, and services provided.

**Response:**

Response:

The Hamilton County Federal Programs office will contact all private schools in the district by certified mail annually in late November or early December to inform them of the services available and invite them to an informational meeting held at the District. The list of private schools contacted will agree with the list of private schools obtained from the FDOE or other creditable website. Follow up calls, letters and emails will be sent to private schools to build a relationship and answer any questions the private schools may have about participation. A second meeting will be held in January or February between the private school principals/directors and the Federal Programs Coordinator and other District grant coordinators to discuss equitable services, funding, student identification, parent involvement, and how services might be delivered if the school(s) decide to participate. In February, a letter of Intent to Participate will be sent to all private schools via certified mail to determine those who wish to participate. A written letter of Intent to Participate or decline services will be requested from each school. Other meetings and contacts will be scheduled to further discuss the identification of students, how services will be delivered and equitable funding for those students who are ELL and attend participating private schools. Entering ELL students will be given the Home Language Survey and given the district placement assessment. Curriculum, assessments and instruction and data collection will be discussed as well as how and when services will be provided to eligible students and all activities and services will be secular, neutral and non-ideological.

The participating private schools and the school district will conduct regular meetings (according to established timeline) to discuss student, teacher and parent services and monitor student progress and the implementation of all federal programs. The agendas of the meetings will include: How the school district will identify the needs of private school students, what services will be offered to private school students, how and when the district will make decisions about the delivery of services, how, where and by whom the school district will provide services to private school students including consideration of the views of the private school officials on provision of services through a contract with a third-party provider, the size and scope of the equitable services that the school district will provide to private school students and the portion of funds allocated to provide these services, complaint policy to be followed should the private school disagree with the actions of the District and the use of federal owned equipment.

Methods of feedback from private school officials will include meetings, school visits, written documents, emails and phone calls.

Districts adjacent to Hamilton County will also be contacted to determine if eligible students who reside in Hamilton County are attending private schools in their area or their students attending private schools in Hamilton County. A Memorandum of Agreement for services will be written when appropriate.

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## Collaborative Partners

Identify federal/state/local and community based collaborative partners; describe in a narrative the types and benefit to the students or programs of the collaborative activities; include the program(s) and primary target group(s).

**Response:**

**Response:**

Hamilton County School District has developed collaborative partnerships with the Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway, Inc., State of Florida Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program, Head Start, the Department of Children and Family Services, and other agencies in formal interagency agreements. The district outreach includes coordinating activities with local faith-based organizations, civic organizations, community colleagues, WFSU-PBS station, Barnes and Noble, private businesses in the community such as; First Federal Bank of Florida, PotashCorp, universities and community colleges, public library, Hamilton County Health Department, local law enforcement, and other governmental agencies and local businesses. FDLRS (Florida Diagnostic Learning and Resource Services), a federally funded program, provides professional development opportunities and resources for teachers in addition to District and Title II staff development opportunities. The district collaborative partnerships and relationships both intra and interagency, foster improved complimentary and supplemental support services for students and their families and improve the response time to provide needed services. The collaborative partnerships listed are targeted to all subgroups of students in Hamilton County and the professional development to teachers in the district. Services to students and families include tutoring, mentoring, parent outreach such as translation, workshops, materials and supplies, home visits and other resources to provide equitable services to children and families and assist students to meet challenging state content and achieve at high levels in school.

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## **Accountability for Schools with ELLs**

Describe how the district will hold elementary and secondary schools accountable for meeting the goals and measurable objectives outlined in this proposal in terms of increasing the English proficiency of current ELLs, and the academic achievement of all current and former ELLs.

**Response:****Response:**

The Hamilton County School District will hold elementary and secondary schools accountable for meeting the goals and objectives outlined in this proposal in terms of increasing the English proficiency of current ELLs, and the academic achievement of all current and former ELLs by monitoring the progress of all students including ELLs and providing additional tutoring and assistance to ELL students who are in need of academic intervention. The District will compile reports on the family literacy initiatives, parent involvement and outreach activities and the effectiveness of the tutoring services. Student achievement will be reported using ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 scores, FL Assessment test scores (FSA), iStation and Performance Matters progress and student report cards. Results from all student assessments will be sent home to parents through the coordination of district and school personnel in a language parents can understand, unless clearly not feasible.

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## **Dissemination of Information**

Describe the LEAs dissemination plan for communicating and advocating the activities and programs addressed in this application to schools and stakeholders. The description should include how the LEA will ensure that all school-to-home communication will be in the parents or guardians home language unless clearly not feasible.

**Response:**

The ESOL Coordinator will disseminate information regarding the Title III Program to principals, guidance counselors, and other pertinent programs, district and school personnel. Parents will receive notice of the Title III Program through the School Advisory Councils, District website, Parent Leadership Council, and school notices/newsletters. This information will be made available to the parents in a language they can understand, unless clearly not feasible, in a timely and accurate fashion via contracted translation services funded by other funding sources.

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## **Reporting Outcomes**

Each applicant is required to describe the methods that will be used to report student and program outcomes resulting from projects funded through this application to parents and other district and school stakeholders. Note - Per the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, Section 3121:

" Each eligible entity that receives a subgrant from a State educational agency under subpart 1 shall provide such agency, at the conclusion of every second fiscal year during which the subgrant is received, with a report, in a form prescribed by the agency, on the activities conducted and children served under such subpart that includes—

1. a description of the programs and activities conducted by the entity with funds received under subpart 1 during the 2 immediately preceding fiscal years, which shall include a description of how such programs and activities supplemented programs funded primarily with State or local funds;
2. the number and percentage of English learners in the programs and activities who are making progress toward achieving English language proficiency, as described in section 1111(c)(4)(A)(ii), in the aggregate and disaggregated, at a minimum, by English learners with a disability;
3. the number and percentage of English learners in the programs and activities attaining English language proficiency based on State English language proficiency standards established under section 1111(b)(1)(G) by the end of each school year, as determined by the State's English language proficiency assessment under section 1111(b)(2)(G);
4. the number and percentage of English learners who exit the language instruction educational programs based on their attainment of English language proficiency;
5. the number and percentage of English learners meeting challenging State academic standards for each of the 4 years after such children are no longer receiving services under this part, in the aggregate and disaggregated, at a minimum, by English learners with a disability;
6. the number and percentage of English learners who have not attained English language proficiency within 5 years of initial classification as an English learner and first enrollment in the local educational agency; and
7. any other information that the State educational agency may require. "

**Response:**

The Hamilton County School District will compile reports on the family literacy initiatives, parent involvement and outreach activities and the effectiveness of the tutoring services. Student achievement will be reported using the assessment ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 , FSA scores, and Performance Matters progress, Rosetta Stone/English In A Flash, and student report cards. Results from all student assessments will be sent home to parents through the coordination of district and school personnel in a language parents can understand, unless clearly not feasible. A third-party evaluator will evaluate the effectiveness of the Title III program and complete an evaluation report. The report will be shared with District leaders and schools.