

# Title I Onsite Monitoring Visit

## Parent Focus Group

**School(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**District** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Parents in Focus Group** \_\_\_\_\_

**Interviewer(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

### BACKGROUND

1. **Introductions** – Please tell me your name, the name of the school your child(ren) attend, the grade(s) of your child(ren), and how long you have been at your school. (**Sign-in sheet**)
2. How are you involved in the school? Are you part of a parent organization or leadership team at this school? Do you volunteer at this school? If so, could you tell us a little bit about what your role is?
3. Do you feel welcome at this school? If so, what does the staff do to make you feel welcome. If not, why not?

### SCHOOL PERFORMANCE PLAN/DECISION MAKING

4. Tell us about your school – what are the major strengths of the school?
5. Are there some changes you would like to see happen that would make this a better school? If so, please describe.
6. Have you been involved in any School Performance Planning at your school? Did you or other parents have the opportunity to provide any input on your School's Performance Plan? If so, please describe your involvement.
7. How are the School Performance Plan goals for improvement communicated to parents?
8. Have you been involved in any decision making at the school? For example, have you had opportunities to provide input on the school budget or the parent involvement policy? Have you had the opportunity to help educate teachers to become better communicators with parents?

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

9. Do you think the staff at your school has high expectations for all students, regardless of their background, to succeed?
10. What types of information do you receive on your child's progress from your teachers? Is there information provided, in addition to his or her report card? If so, what information do you receive?
11. If your child needs additional assistance, what resources are available from the school?
12. Does the school provide you with any training on how you can help your child do well in school? If so, what kinds of trainings?

## MISCELANEOUS

13. What before, after and/or summer school programs are available at your school? What suggestions for improvement do you have concerning these programs?
14. Does the school provide information related to school and parent programs, events, and activities in a clear and understandable way? How do you receive this information?
15. Is it easy to have meaningful 2-way communication with school staff?