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	STATE of MAINE DEPARTMENT of CORRECTIONS Approved by Commissioner: 	PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS: See Section VIII
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I. AUTHORITY

The Commissioner of Corrections adopts this policy pursuant to the authority contained in 34-A M.R.S.A. §1403 and [20-A M.R.S.A. §255, sub-§6](#).

II. APPLICABILITY

Long Creek Youth Development Center

III. POLICY

The Department encourages collaboration and involvement with parents/guardians/legal custodians of residents attending the A.R. Gould School.

IV. DEFINITIONS

1. Parent/guardian/legal custodian – for the purpose of this policy, may include other family members involved in supervising the resident's education.

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VI. ATTACHMENTS

None

VII. PROCEDURES

Procedure A: General

1. In compliance with Maine and federal law, the A.R. Gould School shall develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute this policy to parents/guardians/legal custodians of juvenile facility residents enrolled in the A.R. Gould School.

2. The Department's Policy Development Coordinator, or designee, shall ensure this policy is posted on the Department's publicly accessible website.
3. The Principal of the A.R. Gould School also serves as the Superintendent of the A.R. Gould School and in that capacity:
 - a. is designated as the contact person to provide guidance and relevant information to a resident's parent(s)/guardian/legal custodian regarding school policies and opportunities to participate in school-based programs;
 - b. shall ensure annually that parents/guardians/legal custodians of residents enrolled in the A.R. Gould School have opportunities to participate in the evaluation of the content and effectiveness of this policy to design strategies for more effective involvement and to suggest revisions to this policy;
 - c. shall ensure that this policy is translated into languages understandable to residents' parents/guardians/legal custodians; and
 - d. provide a copy of this policy to the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Education.

Procedure B: Parental Involvement Initiatives

1. The Principal of the A.R. Gould School, or designee, shall ensure there are opportunities for a resident's parent(s)/guardian/legal custodian to engage with the A.R. Gould School, to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. regular communication between teachers and a resident's parent(s)/guardian/legal custodian, e.g., through newsletters;
 - b. obtaining feedback and updating parent(s)/guardian/legal custodian on the resident's progress;
 - c. hosting bi-annual (at a minimum) events for parents/guardians/legal custodians and residents to come together in events such as a summer kick-off event, holiday dinners, virtual parent/family night, student work event/displays, etc., and informing parent(s)/guardian/legal custodian of such events;
 - d. an annual program evaluation survey to obtain feedback from parents/guardians/legal custodians; and
 - e. other appropriate opportunities.
2. The Principal, or designee, shall ensure that copies of all report cards and progress reports are provided to the parent(s)/guardian/legal custodian of a resident.

Procedure C: Other Responsibilities

1. The A.R. Gould School Principal, or designee, shall:
 - a. invite parents/guardians/legal custodians of residents enrolled in the A.R. Gould School to participate in parent involvement initiatives;
 - b. explain ways that parents/guardians/legal custodians may provide input on parent involvement initiatives;

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- c. respond to requests from a resident's parent(s)/guardian/legal custodian to participate (as appropriate) in decisions relating to the education of the resident.
- 2. The Principal, or designee, shall be responsible for ensuring that the A.R. Gould School programs comply with applicable law and regulations and for developing practices, as necessary, to implement this policy.

VIII. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

None

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