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***Watson T. Comly Elementary School***  
**School-Parent Compact**  
*2021-2022 School Year*  
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**JOINTLY DEVELOPED**

The families and staff at Watson T. Comly Elementary School partnered together to develop this school-parent compact for achievement. Input from families was collected via Title I Parent Survey, School District of Philadelphia Parent and Guardian Survey and monthly School Advisory Council meetings. The Instructional Leadership Team reviewed the compact and added input. All staff members were given an opportunity to review this document and make suggestions, edits and comments. Parents are encouraged to attend annual revision meetings held in April each year to review the compact and make suggestions based on student needs and school improvement goals.

To understand how working together can benefit your child, it is first important to understand the district's and school's goals for student academic achievement.

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA ANCHOR GOALS:**

1. 100% of students will graduate, ready for college and career.
2. 100% of 8-year-olds will read on grade level.
3. 100% of schools will have great principals and teachers.
4. SDP will have 100% of the funding we need for great schools, and zero deficit.

**WATSON T. COMLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S GOALS:**

- At least 76% of grade 3-5 students will score proficient/advanced on the ELA PSSA
- At least 84% of grade 3 students will score proficient/advanced on the ELA PSSA
- At least 63% of grade 3-5 students will score proficient/advanced on the Math PSSA
- At least 60% of all students will attend school 95% of days or more
- At least 99% of students will have zero out-of-school suspensions

To help your child meet the district and school goals, the school, you, and your child will work together:

**SCHOOL/TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Watson T. Comly Elementary School will:

- Hold three report card conferences throughout the academic year in order to discuss progress and next steps for each student.
- Provide volunteer opportunities for families to support academic instruction during the school day.
- Communicate weekly with parents about homework, assignments, and upcoming activities in the school and classroom.
- Provide leveled texts (either digital or paper) to students to read independently at home.
- Provide information about skills being taught in the classroom and how to practice these skills at home.

**PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

We, as parents, will:

- Attend report card conferences and speak to our students about their grades and progress.

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- Volunteer at the school if we are able.
  - Look for, read, and sign communications from the school and teacher on a weekly basis.
  - Provide the time and space for my child to read either independently or with a family member nightly.
  - Send my child to school with the necessary materials and supplies to be successful each day (including, but not limited to homework, projects, etc...)
  - Serve as an advocate for Comly.
  - Keep Chromebooks running and take them to the Chromebook Center when necessary.

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Be sure to take all papers and homework home and show it to the adult(s)/caregiver(s).
- Read every night and practice skills taught in school by doing your homework.
- Try my hardest and never give up.
- Use the Comly Pledge to guide my behavior.
- Handle and use Chromebooks responsibly.

**COMMUNICATION ABOUT STUDENT LEARNING:**

Watson T. Comly Elementary School is committed to frequent two-way communication with families about children's learning. Some of the ways you can expect us to reach you are:

- Facebook Updates
- Website (updated daily)
- Teacher/Class Newsletters to Families
- Wednesday Folder
- Comly Connection & Calendar
- Class Dojo
- Report Card Conferences
- Parent Portal

**ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:**

Watson T. Comly Elementary School offers ongoing events and programs to build partnerships with families.

- Report Card Conferences
- Back to School Night
- Family Literacy Night
- Family Math Night
- Family Science Night
- Friends of Comly
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Monthly School Advisory Council Meetings
- Creation of a family-teacher goal setting team
- Weekly virtual Town Halls with the principal