

# School District of the City of River Rouge

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September 1, 2009

Dear Ann Visger Pre-K-5 Preparatory Academy Parents:

Your child is a student at Ann Visger Pre-K-5 Preparatory Academy and is important to us. We want to provide them with a quality education and with every opportunity for success. Each school in Michigan is required to assess students every year on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test. The results of this test, as well as participation on the test are used to determine whether our school is making adequate yearly progress (AYP).

This year, we are pleased to announce that Ann Visger Pre-K-5 Preparatory Academy was successful in making AYP in all areas. The school also met the participation requirement as a total school. We implemented a number of strategies and offered programs that helped us achieve this accomplishment. They included: **free before and after school tutoring and a Saturday Academy designed to address the specific academic needs of our students. These programs will continue to be offered at Ann Visger this coming school year.** As you are aware, the district also reorganized the educational program to better ensure success in helping all students achieve. Under the leadership of a new building principal and superintendent, the fresh look and modifications of our program helped our students make new gains. We will be continuing many of the current programs that meet needs of our students with disabilities. The *Positive Behavior Support Program* (PBS) will be in full force this coming school year and teachers have received "SIOP" training that is designed to help provide instruction that ensures student learning. Staff will continue to receive additional professional development and consultant support to help them provide even more effective instruction.

We continue to encourage parents to become involved in their child's education and to work with our teachers to ensure your child's needs are met. We will continue to offer Parent Workshops and "family education" activities. We invite you to be a member of our School Improvement Team and the Parent Advisory Council. We have a new Parent Resource Center designed to help our parents better support their students academically. You may check with the office for Resource Center operation hours. There are also opportunities for parents to be a part of the school family through volunteering in different capacities at school activities.

Even though we made AYP this year, we are still identified for improvement for one more year. We look forward to making AYP next year. We must offer you the opportunity to transfer your child to another school until that time. The district now has Clarence B. Sabbath Academy to which students may transfer. They have made AYP 2 years in a row and offer service to students in grades K-8.

*Listed below is a comparison of the report cards for Ann Visger, and C.B. Sabbath.. State composite listed*

State/School	AYP Status	Report Card Grade	ELA Score Composite	Math Score Composite
Ann Visger	Yes	B	76.3	81.5
C.B. Sabbath	Yes	C	76.3	86.1
State			79.3	85.3

Again, Ann Visger teachers will continue to receive professional support from Wayne RESA. **The free before and after school and Saturday Academy Programs planned for this year will be available to students enrolled at Ann Visger.**

The district would like to determine if there is any interest from our parents in transferring their child. Transportation will be provided.

Please contact me at (313)297-9600 ext. 1630 as soon as possible, but not later than September 25, 2009 if you are interested in exploring the possibility of exercising the choice program or to share any concerns you may have. I will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



Dr. Carlos Lopez, Superintendent  
River Rouge School District

# River Rouge School District – Transfer Request Form

Dear Parents:

Schools not making AYP must offer a choice option to parents. Even though we made AYP this year, we are still identified for improvement for one more year. We look forward to making AYP next year. We must offer you the opportunity to transfer your child to another school until that time. The district now has Clarence B. Sabbath Academy to which students may transfer. They have made AYP 2 years in a row and offer service to students in grades K-8.

Ann Visger Pre-K-5 Preparatory Academy students have the option to attend C.B. Sabbath K-8 Preparatory Academy. If you are interested in this option please complete the form below and return to Dolores Reid, River Rouge School District, 1460 W. Coolidge Hwy., River Rouge, MI 48218 by Friday, September 25, 2009.

Student

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents will be able to exercise this option as long as funds are available. Students will be selected on a first come, first serve basis based on academic need.