

School District of the City of River Rouge

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August 18, 2010

Dear C.B. Sabbath K-8 Preparatory Academy:

Your child was a student at C.B. Sabbath K-8 Preparatory Academy and is important to us. We want to provide students 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 in the test are used to determine whether our school is making adequate yearly progress (AYP).

This year, C.B. Sabbath K-8 Preparatory Academy did not meet the participation requirement as a total school. Therefore, the school did not make AYP. 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 the superintendent, the fresh look and modifications of our program will help our students make new gains. C.B. Sabbath K-8 Preparatory Academy has revised its core curriculum, offers extended day learning opportunities, differentiated instruction and total inclusion for all students with disabilities. ELA and Math coaches engage collaboratively with our teachers to support and enhance learning. The Positive Behavior Support Program (PBS) is being implemented this 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. The school has a 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.

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Even though we look forward to making AYP this school year, the school has been identified for improvement. The NCLB legislation requires that parents be offered a choice to transfer their student to a surrounding district. However, other elementary schools in our surrounding area are also in school improvement phases or are not in a position to accept our students. We must offer you the opportunity to transfer your child to another school until that time.

Please contact Dolores Reid, Executive Director of State and Federal Programs at (313) 297-9600, ext. 1604 as soon as possible, but not later than September 17, 2010 if you are interested in exploring the possibility of exercising the choice program to transfer your child or to share any concerns you may have. She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carlos Lopez, Superintendent
River Rouge School District

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