

School District of the City of River Rouge
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September 25, 2009

Dear River Rouge Middle College High School Academy Parents:

Your child is a student at River Rouge Middle College High School 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 on the test are used to determine whether our school is making adequate yearly progress (AYP).

This year, River Rouge Middle College High School 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. The River Rouge Middle College High School Academy offers recovery courses, on-line courses, dual enrollment at Wayne County Community College, Carnegie Math, Edge Reading Program, 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. 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.

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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 high 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 Ms. Dolores Reid, Director of Federal/State Programs & Curriculum at (313) 297-9600, ext. 1604 as soon as possible, but not later than October 14, 2009 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop on the left and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dr. Carlos Lopez, Superintendent
River Rouge School District

Attachment

S/D of the City of River Rouge
No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Public School Choice/Transfer Request

Please print all requested information accurately and clearly

River Rouge Middle College High School Academy
Dolores Reid, Director ~ State & Federal Programs/Curriculum
1460 W. Coolidge Highway
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Please complete the following student information:

Student Name: _____ Student ID#: _____

Student's Grade: _____ Student's Date of Birth: _____

Name of School Student Currently Attends: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: (____) ____ - ____ Alternate or Cell: (____) ____ - ____

Is this student currently enrolled in special education? Yes No

Parent/Guardian Statement:

I have received and understand the notification sent informing me that River Rouge Middle College High School Academy did not make adequately yearly progress (AYP) and has been identified for improvement. I also understand that I have the option to transfer my child to another school that has not been identified for improvement and is making AYP. Based on this information, I choose:

OPTION 1: Transfer to another school

OPTION 2: Remain at River Rouge Middle College High School Academy

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date