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## FY16 GEORGIA ESEA FLEXIBILITY WAIVER SCHOOL STATUS PARENT LETTER

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965 requires that parents or guardians who have children attending a Title I school be notified of how well their child's school is preparing students for college and/or a career, as well as the school's designation status under Georgia's ESEA Flexibility Waiver.

Under the 2015 renewal of Georgia's ESEA Flexibility Waiver, certain Title I schools will continue to be designated as Reward, Priority, or Focus Schools. The Waiver allows the use of the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) as the comprehensive report card for all schools in Georgia, providing a score between 0-100 for each school measuring how well the school is doing in preparing its students to be successful in college and/or a career.

The CCRPI Score for the 2014 school year is a sum of Achievement, Progress, Achievement Gap and Challenge Points for all schools. The District Report indicates that the CCRPI score for the elementary schools (ES) is 62.2, middle schools (MS) 65.5 and high schools (HS) 60.0 for the 2014 school year. The District's CCRPI overall score for all schools is 62.4. You may also find your child's school's designation at: <http://ccrpi.gadoe.org/2014/ccrpi214.aspx>.

Priority Schools and Focus Schools receive their designation based on student achievement on statewide assessments. Schools keep their designation until they meet the exit criteria for Priority or Focus School status. Reward Schools are identified annually.

- **Reward Schools** are Title I schools that are either among the State's highest performing schools or schools with significantly high progress. They are identified annually. Highest Performing Reward Schools are among the highest 5% of Title I schools in the state based on the achievement of the "all students" group in terms of proficiency on the statewide assessments that are part of the state's CCRPI. High Progress Reward Schools are among the highest 10% of Title I schools in the state based on the progress in improving the performance of the "all students" group over a number of years on the statewide assessments that are part of the state's CCRPI.
- **Priority Schools** are among the lowest 5% of Title I schools in the state based on achievement of the "all students" group in terms of proficiency on the statewide assessments that are part of the state's CCRPI or high schools with a four-year cohort graduation rate less than 60 percent in 2013 and 2014.
- **Focus Schools** are among the lowest 10% of Title I schools in the state that have a subgroup or subgroups with low achievement in terms of proficiency on the statewide assessments that are part of the state's CCRPI.

Note: ES = Elementary School, MS = Middle School, and HS = High School		*Flexible Learning Program Schools		
REWARD SCHOOLS	*PRIORITY SCHOOLS		*FOCUS SCHOOLS	
<p><b>Highest Performing for 2014</b> DeKalb PATH Academy Charter School</p> <p><b>High Progress for 2014</b> Brockett ES Cedar Grove MS Huntley Hills ES Leadership Preparatory Academy</p>	<p>Toney ES (Achievement) Columbia HS (Achievement) Cross Keys HS (Graduation Rate) Destiny Achievers Academy of Excellence (Achievement) Peachcrest ES (Formally Midway ES &amp; Knollwood ES) Clarkston HS (Achievement) McNair HS (Achievement) Margaret Harris Comprehensive School (Achievement) Redan HS (Achievement) Towers HS (Achievement)</p>		<p>Allgood ES (Achievement) Bob Mathis ES (Achievement) Browns Mill ES (Achievement) Canby Lane ES (Achievement) Clifton ES (Achievement) Kelley Lake ES (Achievement) Meadowview ES (Achievement) Eldridge L. Miller (Achievement) Montclair ES (Achievement) R. E. McNair Discovery Learning (Achievement) Princeton ES (Achievement) Smoke Rise ES (Achievement) Snapfinger ES (Achievement) Stoneview ES (Achievement) Mary McLeod Bethune MS (Achievement) Columbia MS (Achievement) Freedom MS (Achievement) Lithonia MS (Achievement)</p>	
<b>Exit from PRIORITY or FOCUS School Status</b>	<b>NON-DESIGNATED SCHOOLS</b>			
	<b>Elementary Schools</b>	<b>Elementary Schools</b>	<b>Middle Schools</b>	<b>High Schools</b>
<p>Flat Rock ES (Achievement) Indian Creek ES (Achievement) McLendon ES (Achievement) Pleasantdale ES (Achievement) Stone Mill ES (Achievement) DeKalb Alternative School (Achievement) Elizabeth Andrews HS (Graduation Rate) International Student Center (Achievement) Martin Luther King, Jr. HS (Achievement) Tucker MS (Achievement)</p>	<p>Avondale ES Briar Vista ES Cary Reynolds ES Cedar Grove ES Chapel Hill ES Columbia ES DESA Dresden ES Dunaire ES Edward L. Bouie ES Evansdale ES Fairington ES Flat Shoals ES Hambrick ES Henderson Mill ES Hightower ES Idlewood ES Jolly ES Marbut ES Midvale ES</p>	<p>Murphy Candler ES Narvie J. Harris ES Oakcliff ES Oakview ES Panola Way ES Pine Ridge ES Rainbow ES Redan ES Robert Shaw ES Rock Chapel ES Rockbridge ES Rowland ES Shadow Rock ES Stone Mountain ES Woodridge ES Woodward ES Wynbrooke ES</p>	<p>Cedar Grove MS Champion Theme MS Chapel Hill MS Druid Hills MS Henderson MS McNair MS Miller Grove MS Redan MS Salem MS Sequoyah MS Stephenson MS Stone Mountain MS</p>	<p>Cedar Grove HS Druid Hills HS Lithonia HS Miller Grove HS Southwest DeKalb HS Stephenson HS Stone Mountain HS Tucker HS</p> <p><b>Other DeKalb Schools</b> DeKalb Early College Academy DeKalb Prep Academy International Community School UHS of Laurel Heights</p>

You will receive more information from your child’s school regarding the school’s academic performance and what academic supports will be taking place throughout the year; if your child’s school has been named as a Priority or Focus School.

The Intradistrict Transfer Option law is adhered to in the DeKalb County School District. Due to the massive number of requests for student transfers in the District, many of the listed choice schools do not have space or seats. Parents are always welcomed to submit applications for 2015-2016 placements. If seats are not available, students will be placed on the waiting lists. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact the School Choice Office at 678.676.0035 or Ms. Pat Copeland at [pat\\_copeland@dekalbschoolsga.org](mailto:pat_copeland@dekalbschoolsga.org).

Respectfully,

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