



**Muscookee County School District  
2960 Macon Road  
Columbus, Georgia 31906**

**PARENT NOTIFICATION LETTER**

*July 29, 2016*

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

This letter is to inform you that **Baker Middle School** has been identified as a:

Priority School

✓ **Focus School**

Reward School

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015 requires that parents or guardians who have children attending a Title I school be notified of how well their school is preparing its students for college and/or a career, as well as the school’s designation status under Georgia’s ESEA Flexibility Waiver.

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

<b>Baker Middle School</b>							
<b>College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI) Comparison</b>							
<b>Year</b>	<b>Achievement Points</b>	<b>Progress Points</b>	<b>Achievement Gap Points</b>	<b>ED/EL/SWD Performance Points</b>	<b>Exceeding the Bar Points</b>	<b>CCRPI Scores</b>	<b>Gain/Loss</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>46.0</b>	
<b>2013</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>48.6</b>	<b>+2.6</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>+0.8</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>+3.0</b>

Despite the progress made by our students, Baker Middle School has been designated as a Focus School under Georgia’s ESEA Flexibility Waiver for the 2016-2017 school year. This designation is based on the school’s 3-year average CCRPI Achievement Gap score, and we keep this designation until our school meets the exit criteria for Focus School status.

At Baker Middle School, the data shows a significant gap exists between highest achieving subgroup of students and the lowest achieving subgroup of students. The “achievement gap” exists in all content areas.



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As a Focus School, we will work together with parents/guardians, our community, and the Muscogee County School District to develop a school plan that delivers the necessary support to address the learning needs of our students and increase their academic success.

A number of steps are being taken to improve student achievement at Baker Middle School. The following are some of those actions:

- Utilize Title I Academic Coaches, Title I intervention teachers and Title I paraprofessionals
- Provide “safety nets” by offering Increased Learning Time for academically at-risk students
- Utilize computer assisted instruction to differentiate instruction and extend learning
- Use flexible grouping in every classroom
- Provide parent engagement workshops by Title I Family Services Coordinator or parent liaisons
- Offer professional learning in areas of differentiated instruction, mathematics and reading
- Provide Professional Learning to teachers to support School Improvement efforts

One of the main interventions we will provide is a Flexible Learning Program (FLP). Focus Schools are required to develop and offer FLP. These programs offer extra academic help to students such as tutoring, remediation, and/or other educational supports. The goal of the FLP is to increase student learning, grades, and test scores.

The FLP focuses on increasing reading and/or math achievement for eligible students using research-based strategies. The FLP strategies may include individualized learning plans, on-going progress monitoring, formative assessment to differentiate instruction, and rigorous activities to increase student achievement.

Parent meetings will be held to provide more information on the FLP services being offered at our school. These meetings will provide you the opportunity to understand the FLP services being provided to your child, as well as provide you with a copy of our school’s written FLP plan. Please plan to attend the Title I FLP Meeting held in the fall for additional information concerning services and eligibility.

An important part of Baker Middle School’s success is parent participation and support in developing activities to improve student achievement. We hope that you will become involved in our school improvement work as we continue to monitor student achievement and set high expectations. If you are interested in participating in the development of our school improvement plans, being part of our family engagement team or have questions regarding the FLP, please contact the Title I Department, at 706-748-2090.

You will receive additional details regarding FLP services and eligibility prior to August 22, 2016. Thank you for all that you do to support your child’s education.

Sincerely,

Ramona V. Horn  
Principal