**PARENT NOTIFICATION LETTER**

***July 29, 2016***

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

This letter is to inform you that **William H. Spencer High School** has been identified as a:

**Priority School** Focus School Reward School

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 school is preparing its students for college and/or a career, as well as the school’s designation under Georgia’s ESEA Flexibility Waiver.

Under the 2015 renewal of Georgia’s ESEA Flexibility Waiver, certain Title I schools 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.

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| **William H. Spencer High School**  **College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI) Comparison** | | | | | | | |
| **Year** | **Achievement Points** | **Progress Points** | **Achievement Gap Points** | **ED/EL/SWD Performance Points** | **Exceeding the Bar Points** | **CCRPI Scores** | **Gain/Loss** |
| **2012** | **33.1** | **15.4** | **13.8** | **1** | **1** | **64** |  |
| **2013** | **33.6** | **15.9** | **7.5** | **1.6** | **0** | **58.6** | **-5.4** |
| **2014** | **35.2** | **15.3** | **7.5** | **1.7** | **0** | **59.7** | **+1.1** |
| **2015** | **24.4** | **32.6** | **5.8** | **1.0** | **0** | **63.8** | **+4.1** |

Based on the CCRPI comparison, there is a need to focus on closing the achievement gap between subgroups to increase CCRPI scores for 2015.

Despite the progress made by our students, William H Spencer High School’s has been designated as a SIG Priority School for the 2016-2017 school year. This designation is based on our achievement for the last two consecutive years. We will keep this designation until our school meets the exit criteria for Priority School status.

As a Priority 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.  One or more of the following intervention programs will be provided at the school:  Before School Tutoring, After School Tutoring, Increased Learning Time (ILT), Saturday School, and/or Summer School.

An important part of William H. Spencer High 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 a part of our family engagement team or have questions about how you can better help your child in school, please contact the Title I Department, at 706-748-3315.

Thank you for all that you do to support your child’s education.

Sincerely,

Dr. Johnny Freeman

Principal