

August 5, 2016

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 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 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.

Despite the progress made by our students, our school has been identified as a Fulton County Priority School for the 2016-2017 school year. A Priority School receives its designation in one of two ways: 1) It is a Title I school with a graduation rate less than 60 percent over two years; or 2) It is a Title I school in the state based on the lowest achievement of “all students” group in terms of proficiency on the statewide assessments and has demonstrated a lack of progress on those assessments over three years in the “all students” group.

The chart below indicates the school system’s 2016-2017 Priority Schools and state designation reason. For additional information regarding our Priority School status, please feel free to contact the school. Also, you may refer to the Georgia Department of Education’s website, [www.doe.k12.ga.us](http://www.doe.k12.ga.us), for state reported CCRPI information.

**Priority Schools 2016-2017**

School	Reason
Benjamin Banneker High School	Achievement
Creekside High School	Achievement
Hapeville Charter Career Academy High School	Achievement
Tri-Cities High School	Achievement

The school will work together with parents/guardians, communities/stakeholders, and the Fulton County Schools System to develop school plans that deliver the necessary support to address students’ learning needs and increase their academic success. The school is implementing academic interventions, inclusive of additional supplemental teacher professional development in differentiated instruction and Common Core Georgia Performance Standards, and we will receive further Title I support in the form of Lead Data Math and English/Language Arts Specialists to help address low student achievement.

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One of the main supplemental academic interventions provided will be a Flexible Learning Program (FLP). Priority Schools are required to develop and offer a Flexible Learning Program (FLP). The program will 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.

A Flexible Learning Program will be offered on site at our school in the content area of Math for the 2016-2017 school year. Instructional support will be provided by a highly qualified Fulton County Schools math teacher in a setting with a 1:12 teacher/student ratio. A scientific research-based computer assisted instructional component will be used in conjunction with teacher direct instruction to further support and improve student math performance. Your child is eligible to receive FLP services at his/her school. **Please be informed that FLP services are based upon Title I funds and resources availability. Students will be academically rank ordered, per school, in accordance with federal and state guidelines, and students with the greatest academic need in the area of math will be served first.** *Note: Flexible Learning Program enrollment information will be made available at your child's school at the beginning of the school year. Additional information will be mailed to parents/guardians after September 1, 2016.*

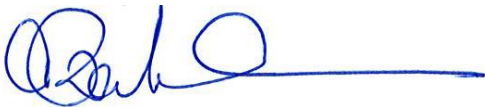
Parent meetings will be held to gain stakeholder input and provide more information regarding the FLP plan and services at our school. Please plan to attend one of these meetings, which will take place on:

- August 17, 2016, 5:00pm-6:00pm, Media Center, at Esther Jackson Elementary School, 1400 Martin Rd., Roswell, Georgia 30076
- August 18, 2016, 5:00pm-6:00pm, Auditorium, at Benjamin Banneker High School, 6015 Feldwood Road, College Park, Georgia 30349

An important part of school success is parent participation and support in developing activities to improve student achievement. Please contact the school to become involved in school improvement work as we continue to monitor student achievement and set high expectations. In addition, you may contact Mr. Daryl Inman, Title I Specialist at 470.254.0427 or [inmand2@fultonschools.org](mailto:inmand2@fultonschools.org), or Dr. Cleophas Jones, Title I Specialist, at 470.254.0443 or [jonesco@fultonschools.org](mailto:jonesco@fultonschools.org), if you have questions regarding Fulton County Schools Flexible Learning Program implementation.

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

Respectfully,



Rob Anderson,  
Deputy Superintendent of Academics