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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

On May 29, 2012, the New York State Education Department received approval from the United States Department of Education to waive certain requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. This waiver included flexibility in determining which schools and districts were not achieving adequate yearly progress. Under the new accountability system, Oak Street Elementary School and Stafford Middle School were designated as Focus Schools. This designation was based on the count of students who did not score at proficient levels on the 2013 - 2014 New York State assessments in English Language Arts and Math.

Federal law requires school districts to offer parents the chance to transfer their children who are attending a Title 1 Focus school to a school in Good Standing. However, in our district, since neither of these schools are Title 1 schools, this requirement is waived.

Even though School Choice is not an option, the designation as a Focus School has allowed the schools the opportunity to participate in school reviews that examined instructional practices and identified ways in which to improve delivery of educational services to your child. The reviews were conducted using rubrics and protocols provided by the New York State Education Department. The information and feedback collected from the review has been utilized by school staff to implement instruction that meets the needs of all students and prepares them to be career and college ready. We are dedicated to this process and will work hard to demonstrate continuous improvement that supports increased academic success for all Plattsburgh City School District students.

Please be assured that we will keep parents regularly informed about our progress. We are determined to do everything possible to join with our community and our families to help bring each of our students to the required level of proficiency and regain our status as a school in Good Standing. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jay Lebrun

Superintendent of Schools

– MISSION –

Our mission is to educate each student of the Plattsburgh City School District by creating challenging, supportive, and interactive learning that advances intellectual, physical, social, and cultural development.