

Important Information about East Chicago Urban Enterprise Academy

WHY IS MY SCHOOL IDENTIFIED FOR IMPROVEMENT?

- Our school has not made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for 2 years, based on state Attendance Standards.
- Our school did not make AYP this year in the following areas:
STUDENT ATTENDANCE
- Enclosed is a report showing how our school's performance compares to other schools in our district and our state.
- Additional information about our school's performance can be found at www.doe.in.gov/data/.

WHAT DOES SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT MEAN?

- A school is identified for improvement after it has not made AYP for two consecutive years.
- Schools in improvement will be in one of two groups, depending on the extent to which the school needs to improve:
 - Focused improvement schools are schools that did not make AYP in a few areas.
 - Comprehensive improvement schools did not make AYP in many areas.
- The levels of support and the requirements from the Indiana Department of Education are different for focused schools and for comprehensive schools. Designed to target resources based on the level of need, this approach for supporting schools is called the Differentiated Accountability Model and has been approved by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Our school is identified for YEAR 1, FOCUSED IMPROVEMENT

WHAT IS MY SCHOOL DOING TO ADDRESS MY STUDENT'S NEEDS?

- The school will develop a plan that meets the needs of all students
- The district and state will help us by providing funding or training for teachers, hiring of new teachers, or offering extra programs such as after school or summer school tutoring.
- Parents will have the option to transfer their child to another school or enroll him/her in free tutoring services.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?

- **BE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD ATTENDS SCHOOL EVERY DAY.**
- Parents can volunteer in their child's class; attend parent meetings and family nights.
- Parents are needed to review our Title I parent policy and compacts, as well as our school improvement plan.

AS A PARENT, WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS UNDER SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT?

SCHOOL CHOICE

- All students may transfer to a different school in our district.
- Since ECUEA is a charter school we serve as our own district.
- **After contacting a neighboring district that declined acceptance of our students we are not offering choice at this time.** Enclosed is a comparison of two additional schools from neighboring districts and their performance report.
- You are not required to move your student to a new school, **NOR DO WE FEEL IT IS AN EDUCATIONALLY SOUND PRACTICE TO MOVE STUDENTS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.**
- The school district will provide at least two school choice options for you.
- If our school comes out of improvement (after making AYP for two consecutive years), your child may stay at the transfer school, but you will have to provide transportation.
- **If you want to transfer your child, please fill out the enclosed Request for Transfer form and return by February 7, 2011.**
- Information about school choice is available at WWW.ECUEACADEMY.ORG

School Options	Grades Served	Location	Spring 2010 ISTEP+ Data	State Performance Data
George Washington Elementary School	PK-4	1401 East 14 th Street, East Chicago, IN 46312	75% ENG/LA 62.2 MATH	75.1% ENG/LA 76.9% MATH
Benjamin Franklin Elementary School	5-6	2400 Cardinal Drive, East Chicago, IN 46312	51.1% ENG/LA 48.7 %MATH	75.1% ENG/LA 76.9% MATH

FREE TUTORING

- If your child stays at our school, he/she may be eligible for free reading or math tutoring.
- Your child is eligible if:
 - He/she receives free/reduced price lunch, **and**
 - Did not pass ISTEP+ (or other measure of academic success).
- Tutoring may take place after school, on the weekends, or during the summer.
- More information, including a list of approved tutoring providers and enrollment forms, will be sent to you. JANUARY 31, 2011
- Information about free tutoring is available at WWW.ECUEACADEMY.ORG.

If you have any questions or would like more information about school choice, free tutoring, or how you can help us improve, please call MRS. C. JACKSON at 219-392-3650. We will be happy to assist you.