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FOCUS SCHOOL PARENT NOTIFICATION

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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 Georgia's ESEA Flexibility Waiver, certain Title I schools are designated as Reward, Priority, Focus, or Alert 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.

Continental Colony Elementary School's CCRPI score is 54.2 and you can find out more information regarding the details of the score on the Georgia Department of Education website at https://www.gadoe.org/CCRPI/Pages/default.apsx.

To access the College and Career Ready Performance Index Report:

- 1) Type www.doe.k12.ga.us into the URL (search box) of your Internet browser.
- 2) Scroll down the page. Select **CCRPI** from the **ABC** Site Search menu. The ABC Site Search menu is located in the second column. A new window will open.
- 3) Select "View 2014 CCRPI Reports here."
- 4) Select both "Atlanta Public Schools" and *Continental Colony Elementary* from the drop-down menu.

Despite the progress made by our students, **Continental Colony** has been designated as a Focus School under Georgia's ESEA Flexibility Waiver for the **2015-2016** 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.

Continental's status is the result of performance gaps between our lowest performing students and our highest performing students in Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies.



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

Continental is using the following to help close the achievement gap at our school:

- Targeted instruction for all students
- In-school tutorial session in all grade levels
- Team teaching from 8:00am-10:00 am daily to allow for small group instruction.
- Star Reading and Star Math as a Universal Screener
- Introduction of Social and Emotional Learning to address behavior concerns and keep students on task during the school day.
- Professional learning for teachers in Math, Science, Social Studies, and Reading
- Parent Workshops to help parents understand the curriculum that will be taught to student each 6-9 weeks.
- Afterschool Tutorial Wednesday and Thursday
 - Wednesday-all students
 - o Thursday-by invitation

An important part of Continental Colony'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 Sonya Williams, Parent Liaison at 404-802-8001 or via email at swilliams@atlanta.k12.ga.us.

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

Sincerely,

Frederico L. Rowe

Principal