



August 31, 2015

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 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. The CCRPI measures how well the school is doing in preparing its students to be successful in college and/or a career.

J. E. Brown Middle School's CCRPI score for 2013/2014 was 65.3. Detailed information regarding The CCRPI score can be found on the Georgia Department of Education's website: ccrpi.gadoe.org, or www.gadoe.org/CCRPI.

Despite the progress made by our students, J. E. Brown has been designated as a Title I Focus School under Georgia's ESEA Flexibility Waiver for the **2015/2016** school year. This distinction is based on the achievement gap between subgroups evidenced by data from 2011-2014.

As a Focus School, we will work together with parents/guardians, our community, and the Atlanta Public 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. To address the achievement gap, J. E. Brown's instructional coaches are working with teachers to identify student's individual needs and implemented research based instructional strategies. These strategies will include computer assisted programs to aide in increasing student achievement, tutorial programs are in place, and the Algebra Project has been implemented to support mathematic. Additionally, various other afterschool programs are in place to assist. Teachers, along with appropriate support staff, participate in continuous Professional Development that addresses root causes based on identified needs and to learn best practices with an emphasis on students' academic achievement.

One of the main interventions we will provide is a Flexible Learning Program (FLP). Focus schools are required to develop and offer Flexible Learning Programs. These programs offer extra academic help to students. Students who participate in the FLP program will receive additional services through their math support class which will be offered during connections. The goal of the FLP is to increase student learning, decrease the achievement gap, increase grades and test scores. **Your child is eligible to receive FLP services.** You will be informed as to when these services will begin at J. E. Brown Middle School.

To enroll your child in our school's FLP, please complete the enclosed form and either mail it to, J. E. Brown Middle School, 225 James P. Brawley Dr., NW Atlanta, Georgia 30214, send it by your student or hand deliver it to J. E. Brown Middle School. Please be advised that even if this form is not returned, your child will be served by the school's FLP until written notice from you is received by principal, Tiauna Crooms at 225 James P. Brawley Dr., NW Atlanta, Ga. 30314.

At least two parent meetings will be held to provide more information on the FLP services being offered at our school. These meetings will provide you the opportunity to understand the FLP services being



provided, as well as provide you with a copy of our school's written FLP plan. Please plan to attend one of these meetings. You will be advised of the dates for the FLP meetings.

An important part of J. E. Brown'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 initiatives 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 Tiauna Crooms, Principal at 404-802-6806 or tcrooms@atlanta.k12.ga.us.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tiauna Crooms', written over a horizontal line.

Tiauna Crooms
Principal



J.E. Brown Middle School
225 James P. Brawley Dr. SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30314
404-802-6800
Tiauna Crooms, Principal

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PARENT PERMISSION FORM FOR FLEXIBLE LEARNING PLAN (FLP) PARTICIPATION

Student's identified area of needs will be addressed during this extended learning period and their progress will be monitored on a regular basis. This intervention will be in place during the 2015-2016 school year. Atlanta Public School uses multiple selection criteria to select students for FLP services. The criteria include standardized test scores, final course grades and promotion status. Please note that this program will be strictly voluntary for the students.

Students who participate in the FLP program will receive additional services through their math support class which will be offered during connections.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and approval of your student attending the tutorial. Please return letter to Ms. Hardy in room S355 by November 27, 2015.

I _____ give my child _____ permission to attend the advisory and after-school intervention programs.

I _____ do not give my child _____ permission to attend the advisory and after-school intervention program.

Signature _____ Date _____