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Important Information about Francis Reh Public School Academy

WHY IS MY SCHOOL IDENTIFIED FOR IMPROVEMENT?

Francis Reh PSA made adequate early progress (AYP) this year. However, we are still identified for improvement because we will need to make AYP for two consecutive years to be out of a school improvement phase. Francis Reh PSA was identified for improvement last year because only 51.4% of students with disabilities scored proficiently on the MEAP Reading Assessment.

- Enclosed is a report showing how our school's performance compares to other schools in our district and our state. (don't have it yet)
- Additional information about our school's performance can be found at <https://oeaa.state.mi.us/ayp/>

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 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 Michigan 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.

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

- The school will develop a school improvement 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.
- Our school will use state assessments in reading and math to regularly check the progress of our students.
- Parents will have the option to transfer their child to another school

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?

- Be sure that your child attends school every day.
- Parents can volunteer in their child's classroom; 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.
- You are not required to move your student to a new school.
- The school district will provide at least two school choice options for you.
- The school district will pay for all transportation costs as long as the school continues to be in improvement.
- If the 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 September 30, 2011.**
- Information about school choice is available at <http://www.francisreh.com/index.htm>

School Options	Grades Serviced	Location	MEAP data
Saginaw Preparatory Academy	PK-8	5173 Lodge St. Saginaw, MI	A
Francis Reh PSA	PK-8	2201 Owen St. Saginaw, MI	C
C.C. Coulter Elementary	K-8	1450 Bridgeton Rd. Saginaw, MI	B

If you have any questions or would like more information about school choice or how you can help us improve, please Kate Scheid or Angela Turner at 989-753-2349. We will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Kate Scheid, School Leader

SCHOOL TRANSFER REQUEST FORM

Yes, I am interested in transferring my child to another school for the 2011-2012 school year.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Name of Current School: _____

The following schools in our district have been identified as possible options for parents interested in participating in transferring their child to another school.

School Name	Address
Saginaw Preparatory Academy	5173 Lodge St. Saginaw, MI
C.C. Coulter Elementary	1450 Bridgeton Rd. Saginaw, MI

To review information on these schools' academic progress, please see the attached letter or visit <https://oeaa.state.mi.us/ayp/>

Please identify, in order of preference, the school you are most interested in attending. Please remember that we will do our best to honor your first choice request, but the final decision on the school each child will attend is up to the district. Please also remember that we will pay for transportation for as many students as possible, but will give priority to the lowest-achieving low-income students in the district if there is not enough money to pay for transportation for all students.

1. _____

2. _____

Please return this form to Francis Reh Public School Academy by September 30, 2011.

Parent Signature: _____