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Re: School Improvement (SI)/Public School Choice (PSC)

Dear Parents:

This letter is to let you know that the Academy of Arts and Sciences has been identified as in need of improvement. *School Improvement* means your school did not meet Ohio's goals in reading, mathematics or attendance for two years in a row or more. The students at the Academy of Arts and Sciences did not meet Ohio's goals in the following area: 3rd –grade reading proficiency and attendance in 2008-2009. However, in 2009-2010, the Academy of Arts and Sciences did not have a 3rd grade. The current status is in delay. Our district's report card (will be released in August) will show how your child's school compares to other schools in our district and state.

Your child can attend a similar school that is NOT in need of improvement and the district will pay for transportation. You have the following choice of schools, which may be limited because of availability: Lakeview Elementary, Vincent Elementary, Powers Elementary, or Shupe Elementary. Yet, if you are satisfied with the Academy of Arts and Sciences' school improvement plan and wish to continue to have your child attend – nothing further needs to be done. Attached is a list of information about those schools to help you make your choice.

You may request free tutoring on a limited basis in place of transferring your child to another school. If you decide to keep your child in the same school, simply have your child report to that school on the opening day.

Our local report card [<http://www.ode.state.oh.us/reportcard>] and/or the sheet attached shows how well the Academy of Arts and Sciences did when compared with other schools.

To aid the Academy of Arts and Sciences in improving our status, we have developed a plan to help our students do better with attendance for the current year. Strategies such as Walking-With-Giants Character Awards, Attendance Incentives, Positive Behavior Celebrations, and Teacher Parent Contact Logs are a few of our plan's action steps. Other positive strategies to improve the 3rd grade reading performance include but are not limited to the following: the use of Kaleidoscope and Number Worlds Intervention curriculum, tutoring, A+, Scantron technologies. This year we have a full time Curriculum Implementation Specialist. You are invited to join us to help make that happen. Please contact Mr. Matos at 440-244-0156, if you are interested in being part of a committee or would like more information on ways you can assist.

Thank you,
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