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Both district schools have earned honors as 2008 and 2009 Illinois Spotlight Schools.

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Dear Parents,

Every year at this time we report information about our school population and about student performance on last year's ISAT tests.

We are very proud of our past success at Burr Ridge C.C.S.D. 180, and we are working hard to continually improve upon the quality education we provide our students. But our scores last year, for the first time, met neither our standards nor the state's.

About Our Scores

The State Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) minimum target for 2009-2010 was 77.5%. This means that 77.5% of our students – in every group and subgroup – needed to meet or exceed standards in reading and mathematics. If any one subgroup did not meet the required AYP in Reading or Mathematics, then the District was determined to not have met in that area. CCSD 180 is reported as not meeting AYP under the No Child Left Behind Legislation in 2009-2010.

We performed relatively well in math. Our total population met AYP in Mathematics, as well as all subgroups but one. Unfortunately this one lapse results in a "Does Not Meet" status on the AYP District report under Math.

The district was disappointed with our reading scores at both schools across the general population and within our subgroups. Just one subgroup, our economically disadvantaged subgroup at BRMS, met AYP for reading.

About Our Plan

We are addressing these issues with a focused curriculum and research-based instructional methods at both the elementary and middle school. We have:

- Aligned the curriculum with the National Core Standards. Reading strategies and standards are the primary focus, with 3-week assessments in both reading and math to frequently monitor student progress.
- Introduced interactive whiteboards in 11 classrooms to better help engage our students by using technology.
- Instituted a Saturday school program to assist children who fall behind on their homework.
- Partnered with the Community House to expand the number of students who can participate in our after school programs. Spaces are still available in this program, which not only improves homework completion but also challenges students with new and different learning activities.

Our district is continuously working to improve student learning. The target for the 2010-2011 school year, as set by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) is 85% meeting or exceeding AYP. We need your help.

How You Can Help

You can help to achieve this by doing a few simple things.

Check to see if your child has completed and understands his or her homework. Computerized programs like Accelerated reader and Study Island are available to you at home so that you can check your child's understanding of material and provide additional learning time.

Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep each night. Your child will also be more alert and ready to participate in class and probably more fun to be around at home.

Read with your child. Research has shown that reading every night for 15-30 minutes can increase your child's ability to learn and achievement level on a standardized test.

Most importantly, get involved in your child's education by attending parent-teacher conferences and other functions at school. Kids do better when they know someone cares and is involved.

The Details

Schools are required to provide a report card showing the details of the student population and its performance on these measures. Because of the NCLB legislation, the school's report cards are more detailed and lengthier than they have been in the past. To reduce the cost associated with printing them, and in recognition of the availability of internet technology, schools are now allowed to post report cards on-line in lieu of printing them.

We have provided a link on our web site, www.ccsd180.org (under the yellow "ISAT Result" tabs on the left side of the district's home page) that will connect you to the school report card information.

If you cannot access the Internet and would like a printed copy of our school report card, or if you need more information about how to access this information, please call your school's office or the district office at: 630-734-6600.

We believe in our students, our teachers, and our community. Together we can make a difference in our students' future and prepare them for success in high school, as well as college and careers.

If you have any questions or concerns about our district our school test scores, please be sure to contact me or your building principal at the number above.

Sincerely,

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