

September 24, 2009

Dear Parent:

According to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 all states must provide to the parents information on schools identified as needing improvement as indicated by Annual Yearly Progress (AYP). Petersburg Primary School was identified for School Restructuring, which means the school missed AYP for six consecutive years. The latest information available is from the 2007-2008 school year. For that year Petersburg Primary met 12 of the 17 objectives. The state of South Carolina met 27 out of 37 objectives. Petersburg did not make AYP in the following categories: English Language Arts objectives for African-American and Subsidized Meals subgroups and mathematics objectives for All Students, African-American, Subsidized Meals subgroups. The chart below shows a comparison of this school with other primary and elementary schools in the district.

School	Objectives Met
Cheraw Primary	16 out of 17
Cheraw Intermediate	18 out of 21
Edwards Elementary	15 out of 17
Plainview Elementary	9 out of 9
McBee Elementary	14 out of 17
Ruby Elementary	13 out of 13
Jefferson Elementary	15 out of 17
Petersburg Primary	12 out of 17
Pageland Elementary	13 out of 25

At Petersburg Primary parent involvement is essential to improving student achievement. Parents are encouraged to participate in academic planning by participating in family nights, the Title I planning team, attending conferences, communicating with teachers, and monitoring their student's study time and attendance at school. Petersburg also employs a bilingual parent coordinator to assist with parent communications and activities.

Petersburg Primary has developed a school improvement plan which may be reviewed in the school office. A plan to restructure has also been developed. The school's plan includes a District Oversight Team which works closely with the administration at the school in the decision making process for school activities.

Chesterfield County School District has developed a plan for improvement, is offering professional development opportunities in the areas of English Language Arts and mathematics, is providing the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment and the Dominion Reading Assessment to support the academic standards and assist with small group instruction, is providing a computer lab for students to work independently, is providing the support of a school improvement facilitator, and is offering the School Choice option, and supplemental educational services. Additionally, Chesterfield County School District assisted the school in developing a plan to restructure the school during the 2007-2008 school year. Parents and community members also assisted in the development of the plan as well as having ongoing opportunities for feedback as the plan is being implemented.

If you have any questions concerning the Petersburg Primary School improvement status or the school's restructuring process, please contact Marcus Sutton, school principal, at 843-672-6241 or Ann Huntley, District Title I Coordinator, at 843-623-5515.