**STEVE HARDEN ALEX TILLMAN**

Principal Assistant Principal

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**No School Designation Parent Notification**

***August 25, 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 status under Georgia’s ESEA Flexibility Waiver.

Under Georgia’s ESEA Flexibility Waiver, certain Title I schools are designated as Reward, Priority, or Focus, schools. The Waiver also allows the use of the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI), which serves as a comprehensive report card for all schools in Georgia. The CCRPI provides a score between 0-100 for each school, and that score measures how well the school is doing in preparing its students to be successful in college and/or a career.

***Ben Hill Primary’s CCRPI score was 91.3 for the 2014-2015 school year. For more information on CCRPI scores you may visit the Georgia Department of Education website.***

I am very proud to tell you that ***Ben Hill Primary School*** has not been given a school designation this year, which means we are continuing to provide a quality education to all of our students.

***Forty five percent of first and second grade students exceeded English Language Arts benchmarks on the end of quarter exam. Fifty four percent of first and second graders exceeded Math benchmarks on the end of quarter exam. Ninety five percent of kindergarten students demonstrated expected to high growth on the math post SLO. These students are scoring in the highest performance level which is commendably noteworthy.***

***In order to maintain and improve these scores Ben Hill Primary will implement the LIPS program; complete decoding inventories on first and second grade students; provide a longer intervention block; and continue to implement Reading Workshop, PALS, and Phonics Dance.***

At ***Ben Hill Primary,*** we take pride in the classroom instruction we provide for our children. Our teachers and staff members work very hard to meet the needs of all students to ensure they achieve at their highest potential. All of the teachers and paraprofessionals at ***Ben Hill Primary*** are certified and highly qualified.

An important part of ***Ben Hill Primary’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 work as we continue to monitor student achievement and set high expectations. If you are interested in participating in the development of our school improvement plan, or have questions about how you can better help your child in school, please contact ***Stevie Harden, Ben Hill Primary Principal*** at ***(229) 409-5592*** or ***hardens@ben-hill.k12.ga.us.***

Thank you for all that you do to support your child’s education.

Sincerely,

Stevie Harden

Principal

Ben Hill Primary School