



Red Bud Middle School

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Dear Parents & Guardians:

Greetings and welcome to Red Bud Middle School! I am honored to have the privilege of being the principal at Red Bud, where we REACH BEYOND and are Motivated for Success. It is a pleasure to be a part of this community and faculty. Many exciting opportunities and events await your student this year. I would like to extend an invitation to all new and returning parents to visit our school and witness the excellent learning opportunities that take place daily.

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 under Georgia's ESEA Flexibility Waiver.

Under the 2015 renewal of Georgia's ESEA Flexibility Waiver, certain Title I schools continue to be designated as Reward, Priority, or Focus Schools. The Waiver allows the use of the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) as the comprehensive report card for all schools in Georgia, providing a score between 0-100 for each school—measuring how well the school is doing in preparing its students to be successful in college and/or a career.

RBMS received an 84.4 CCRPI score for the 2014-2015 school year. This was an increase from 2013-2014 of 76.4. RBMS demonstrated excellent growth due to our dedication to providing a caring environment with rigorous and engaging learning. More information concerning CCRPI scores, please visit the GA Department of Education website or the RBMS website.

Red Bud Middle is a Title I school and receives Federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. As part of being a Title I School, we have a variety of documents that guide our work with our stakeholders. Those documents include the School Wide Plan, the Parent Involvement Plan & Policy, the School Compact, and the School Improvement Plan. In addition to specifically inviting parents to review and give input on these documents, we invite your volunteered review and input as well. Additionally, we ask for your input in how we spend our Parent Involvement funds to best serve you and our students. All of these documents are available on our website and in our office, as well as available at all parent meetings. As you review these items, if you would like to give input, please contact Red Bud Middle School by emailing/calling via the contact information listed below. Additionally, I would like to invite you to the many parent involvement opportunities, stake-holder input meetings, and family trainings that we offer.

I am also pleased to announce that all of Red Bud's teachers and paraprofessionals are ranked "Highly Qualified" by the Georgia Department of Education. In order to be considered "Highly Qualified," a teacher must be teaching in the same educational field as indicated by his or her certificate 100% of the day. At RBMS, we are committed to providing quality instruction by a skilled staff where 100% of our certified faculty are highly qualified. You have the right to request information pertaining to the credentials of your child's teacher, and you will be notified if your child is taught by a teacher who has not met "highly qualified" standards in core academic areas as defined by the state.

Please feel free to contact me at the below information if you have questions concerning Georgia's ESEA Flexibility Waiver or other questions as we move forward with an excellent educational year!

Regards,

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