Blackshear Elementary School

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TITLE I SCHOOL DESIGNATION PARENT NOTIFICATION

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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 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.

Blackshear Elementary School's 2016 CCRPI score was 87.7. For more information about this score, simply access the report at the following web address: http://ccrpi.gadoe.org/2016/CCRPI2016.aspx?aspxerrorpath=%2f2016%2fccrpi2016.aspx.

Blackshear Elementary School has not been given a school designation of Priority or Focus, which means we are a Title I school that is continuing to provide a quality education to all of our students.

Based on our 2016 CCRPI, student achievement is on the rise. English Language Arts (ELA) and Math showed the most gains from 2015 to 2016. ELA achievement was 6 out of 10 points in 2015 and 7 out of 10 in 2016. Math rose from 7 out of 10 in 2015 to 8 out of 10 in 2016. Also, the percentage of students scoring Proficient or Distinguished increased from 2015 to 2016. Most of all, we are proud that our CCRPI score has consistently risen over the past three years (2014=72.5, 2015=81.6, and 2016=87.7).

At Blackshear Elementary School, we take pride in the teaching 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.

An important part of Blackshear Elementary School'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 plans, being a part of our family engagement team or have questions about how you can better help your child in school, please contact Dee Treadwell, Assistant Principal at 449-2088 or dtreadwell@pierce.k12.ga.us.

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

Sincerely, Tonya Johnson Principal