

March 2, 2017

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 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.

PCMS's College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) Score is 87.2 for 2016. CCRPI is a comprehensive school improvement, accountability, and communication platform for all educational stakeholders that promotes college and career readiness for all Georgia public school students. The average middle school score in Georgia was 71.5. PCMS was ranked 8th of out 195 school districts in Georgia. PCMS also achieved 5 out of 5 stars for our school climate rating.

I am very proud to tell you that **Pierce County Middle School** has been designated as a High Progress Reward School based on our performance over the past three school years! This is a very big recognition, and we are excited for our school.

A High-Progress School is among the 10 percent of the state's Title I schools making the most progress in improving the performance of the "all students" group over three years on the statewide assessments. A school may not be classified as a High-Progress School if it has been identified as a Priority or Focus School.

At **PCMS**, 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. This recognition shows that students are learning and making good progress.

An important part of PCMS'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 **Lanna Denison, Assistant Principal, at (912) 449-2077 or ldenison@pierce.k12.ga.us**

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

Sincerely,

J. Perry Tison, Jr.
Principal