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.

The 2014-2015 CCRPI Score for Americus-Sumter High School is 67.3 based on the Achievement Points, Achievement Gap Points, and Progress Points. Student scores on all academic state assessments affect their sub group’s indicators, which causes the CCRPI score to increase or decrease. More information about CCRPI can be found on the Georgia Department of Education website, http://www.gadoe.org/Pages/Home.aspx.

Despite the progress made by our students, Americus-Sumter High School has been designated as a Priority School for the 2016-2017 school year. This designation is based on our school’s performance over a number of consecutive years, and we keep this designation until our school meets the criteria for Priority School status.

The core content area of mathematics will be addressed by the FLP. This area was determined based on standardized test scores for all students, a discrepancy between course pass/failure rates and End-of-Course Tests (EOCT), and a lack of significant improvement in student achievement in mathematics over the past few years. Comparisons were made between all EOCT content areas scores and course pass/failure rates.

As a Priority School, we will work together with parents/guardians, our community, and the Sumter County Board of Education to develop a school plan that delivers the necessary support to address the learning needs of our students and increase their academic success.

One of the main interventions we will provide is a Flexible Learning Program (FLP). Priority Schools are required to develop and offer FLPs. These programs offer extra academic help to students such as tutoring, remediation, and/or other educational supports. The goal of the FLP is to increase student-
learning, grades, and test scores. Your child is eligible to receive FLP services. FLP services will begin at our school on August 15, 2016.

Tutors will provide tutorial assistance on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of each week to identified math students during Panther Period. All students will be scheduled according to their individual needs and services began in August 15, 2016 and will end in May 18, 2017.

During each class, the student/instructor ratio will be no more than 20:1. Tutors will monitor the progress of each student through the ILP (individualized learning plan) that defines the specific area of weakness for each student, thus allowing the instruction for each student to be tailored, measured, and modified if needed throughout the program duration. Transportation services will be provided and the school’s FLP program is in compliance with Title I laws and regulations).

To enroll your child in our school’s FLP, please complete the enclosed form and either mail it to 805 Harrold Ave. Americus, GA 31709, fax 229-931-8618, or hand deliver the form by August 12, 2016. Please be advised that even if this form is not returned, your child will be served by the school’s FLP until written notice from you is received by Mr. Kimothy Hadley at 805 Harrold Ave. Americus, GA 31709.

This year, two parent meetings will be held to provide more information on the FLP services being offered at our school. These meetings will provide you the opportunity to understand the FLP services being provided to your child, as well as provide you with a copy of our school’s written FLP plan. Please plan to attend one of these meetings; they will take place on August 11, 2016, 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at Americus-Sumter High School.

An important part of Americus-Sumter High 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 part of our family engagement team or have questions regarding the FLP, please contact Mr. Kimothy Hadley, Principal or Mrs. Marnie Dutcher, Assistant Principal at 229-924-3653 or khadley@sumterschools.org or mdutcher@sumterschools.org.

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

Sincerely,

Kimothy Hadley

Mr. Kimothy Hadley
Principal