



Thomas Jefferson

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Responsible Citizens-Lifelong Learners

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Re: Title I School Accountability Status

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires Title I schools to notify all parents of the school's accountability status as identified by the New York State Education Department School Report Card. You may access the New York State Education Department's website at <http://data.nysed.gov> to review the report card and Jefferson Elementary School's performance compared to other comparable schools in the State.

The New York State Education Department has identified the Utica City School District as a Target District due to:

- the performance of students on the Elementary and Middle School New York State ELA and Math assessments for four subgroups, High School Achievement for three subgroups and combined Graduation Rate.

The New York State Education Department has designated Jefferson Elementary School as a school in Good Standing.

In an effort to improve student performance, the District has initiated programs that will accelerate reading and math achievement to ensure that all students meet the New York State Learning Standards, has established protocols for the continued monitoring of student progress, and will continue to deliver Academic Intervention Services (AIS) to all targeted students. In addition, several Professional Development sessions will be offered to staff and school leaders.

Enclosed is an overview of information related to the New York State Assessments. Students are encouraged to participate in these assessments. Please note, that school accountability still requires 95% of students in each tested grade and subgroup participate in these tests. Assessment results do provide the faculty and staff with valuable data and information that can be used to guide instruction, give accurate measures of performance, and help provide students with the appropriate level of support.

Please be assured that the administration and staff at Jefferson Elementary School are highly qualified and committed to helping your child perform at his/her highest level of achievement. The educational progress of your child is of primary importance, and working together, we can ensure your child's success.

I would like to thank all the parents/guardians for their support and dedication to Jefferson Elementary School. We look forward to another positive and productive school year.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Rejrat