



# Riverview Elementary

3298 Kessler Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21227



Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are very excited to announce that Riverview Elementary will not be a Title I Focus School for the 2016-2017 school year. The hard work and dedication of the Riverview staff, parents and community has successfully closed the achievement gap between the Hispanic /Latino students and student receiving Special Education services. During the 2015-2016 school year, Riverview Elementary School was identified as a Title I Focus School. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) identified Riverview Elementary School as a Title I Focus School based on the results of the school's 2011-2012 Maryland State Assessment (MSA) data. In an effort to assist you in understanding what it meant to be a Focus School, the following information is provided below:

During the 2015-2016 school year, Riverview Elementary School implemented the following strategies to further improve student achievement:

- Small group intervention in reading and mathematics;
- Professional development to implement research-based reading and mathematics instructional strategies;
- Parent workshops that provide reading and mathematics strategies for use at home;
- Extended year program to support student achievement in reading and mathematics; and,
- Additional instructional assistants to facilitate small group instruction.

Additional information regarding Focus Schools is available on the Baltimore County Public Schools' Web site at <http://www.bcps.org/offices/titleone/> or you may contact the Office of Title I at (410) 887-3487.

## What is a Title I Focus School ?

Focus Schools are those schools with a large gap in achievement between student groups. An achievement gap is defined as the difference between the highest and lowest student scores on the MSA.

Focus Schools do not require whole school reform, but can provide intervention for the lowest achieving student groups.

## Why were Riverview Elementary School been identified as a Focus School?

Student achievement gaps for 2013 at Riverview Elementary School are as follows:

**Reading-Special Education and Hispanic/Latino student groups**

**Mathematics-Special Education and Hispanic/Latino student groups**

## What does the Riverview Elementary School staff do to improve student achievement?

The School Progress Team at Riverview Elementary School is continuously analyzing school data to determine how to improve performance in reading and mathematics.

Riverview Elementary School staff monitors and evaluates student performance in order to improve the school's

## What can parents do to continue supporting Riverview Elementary School?

Your support is a very important part to Riverview Elementary School. The following are ways that you can support Riverview Elementary School:

- Send your child to school every day and on time;
- Participate in the education of your child;
- Participate in parents education activities (parent/teacher conferences, etc.);
- Communicate regularly with the school with your interests and/or concerns;
- Share your talents with our school; and/or,
- Continue to partner with our school for the good of all students.

A list of parent support services is available on the district's Web site: <http://www.bcps.org/parents/>.

Sincerely,

*Ms. Mary Maddox*

Principal