

**Georgia Department of Education
Parent Notification Template**

FOCUS SCHOOL PARENT NOTIFICATION SY 2015-2016

August 27th, 2015

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.

- **2013 CCRPI Total Score 70.9 / 2014 CCRPI Total Score 67.8**

In order to find more information please visit <http://ccrpi.gadoe.org/2014/>

Despite the progress made by our students, Hightower Trail Elementary has been designated as a Focus School under Georgia's ESEA Flexibility Waiver for the 2015-2016 school year. This designation is based on the school's 3-year average CCRPI Achievement Gap score, and we keep this designation until our school meets the exit criteria for Focus School status.

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

- **Data teams of Certified Teachers review all areas of continent, with a focus of Science and Social Studies, based on each student's individual needs**

An important part of Hightower Trail 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 Jason M. Yaber, Title I Parent Liaison at 770-388-0751 ext. 17130 or jyaber@rockdale.k12.ga.us.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Mosley, Principal