



**Lighthouse Community School**  
A division of Lighthouse Youth Services, Inc

Date: July 17, 2009

RE: No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, Section 1116

Dear Parent/Guardian:

To comply with the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, we are giving you timely notice that Lighthouse Community School has been identified as being in School Improvement (SI) Year III. School Improvement means the school did not meet Ohio's goals in reading, mathematics or attendance for two consecutive years or more.

Lighthouse Community School has been identified as in School Improvement status based on its performance in reading and mathematics. Thirty five percent of the students were proficient or better in reading and 28% were proficient or better in mathematics. The state comparison group reveals that 84.5% of the students were proficient or better in reading and 81.4% of the students were proficient or better in math. Other schools in our comparison group showed that 77.2% were proficient or better in reading and 72.1% were proficient or better in math.

To move our school out of School Improvement status, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), and Lighthouse Community School (LCS) have embarked on a new initiative called the Ohio Improvement Process. LCS contracted with Ohio's State Support Team (SST) in September of 2008, Through a process called the Decision Framework, ODE and LCS analyzed data from the previous three school years. Once the data was analyzed a plan was developed that would help students achieve higher levels of academic performance. Our plan includes targeted math and reading interventions, extended school days and job embedded professional development. We thank those of you who participated in the development of our school improvement plan. We look forward to your continuing participation in our academic school improvement efforts. If you would like more information on how you can help us improve our school, please contact me at 561-7888.

Following the federal guidelines regarding the school's status, we are notifying you that you have the following options:

1. You may continue to have your child attend the same community school (Lighthouse Community School).
2. Students may return to their home public school. No Public School Choice transportation is required to be offered for this option.
3. Students may be eligible to attend Cincinnati Public Schools that are not in School Improvement. These schools have entered into an agreement to accept students . There are no school assignments based on address. Students select from a variety of high-school programs with special focuses leading students into careers and higher

education. This option is limited to the amount of available funds as directed by federal Title I guidelines. Therefore, selection of eligible students will be based on highest need.

4. Free transportation will be offered for your child. (See the attachment for information about these schools' staff qualifications, special programs and facilities.)
5. As an alternative to Public School Choice, parents of students at Lighthouse Community School may request Supplemental Educational Services (free tutoring).

If you are interested, circle your selection below and **send this request** to Daniel Trujillo, Principal, Lighthouse Community School, 6100 Desmond Street, Cincinnati Ohio 45227.

**1.Return to Home Public School**

**2.Attend Cincinnati Public School**

**3.Supplemental Educational Services (Free Tutoring)**

**Requests must be made by 9-1-09. Your request must include:**

- **Date of your request** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Your child's full name** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Home address and ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Home telephone number (\_\_\_\_)** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Work number (if applicable)** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Your child's current grade in school** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Your signature** \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Trujillo  
School Principal  
Lighthouse Community School

Attachments:

Copies of our district's Public School Choice and Supplemental Educational Services written procedures.

Contact Information on the schools of choice including staff qualifications, special programs and facilities.