



Lighthouse Community School
A division of Lighthouse Youth Services, Inc

Date: July 22, 2011

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 V. 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. The participation rate in Math is 70% and the participation rate is 72% in reading. Twenty percent of the students were proficient or better in reading and 11 % 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 has worked with Ohio's State Support Team (SST) since September of 2008, Through a process called the Decision Framework, the State Support Team and LCS analyze data from the previous three school years. Once the data is analyzed a plan is developed that would help students achieve higher levels of academic performance. Our plan for 2012 school year includes targeted math and reading interventions, extended school days and job embedded professional development. We have also added two new intervention specialists and replaced the school principal in 2010. 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 the Principal, Amy Shrock, 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 free tutoring.
6. Students who meet certain federal guidelines can apply to receive Supplemental Educational Services (SES) funded by Title I. Students who qualify under federal guidelines will be selected on a first come first serve basis.
7. Students may enroll for SES at any time during the school year as long as funds are available.
8. School staff will help any parent who requests free tutoring or SES in finding and enrolling their student in the free tutoring or SES that best meets their needs.
9. A list of all the ODE approved providers can be accessed via the ODE Web site link: <http://dnet01.ode.state.oh.us/ses/ProviderLookup.aspx>. A hard copy will be mailed to you if you request free tutoring or SES services.

If you are interested, circle your selection below and **send this request** to Amy Shrock, 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.

4.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,

Amy Shrock
School Principal
Lighthouse Community School

