

St. Marys Elementary School

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

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 child's school is preparing its students for college and/or a career, as well as the school's designation status 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 or in an Opportunity School District. 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. Priority and Focus Schools as well as Opportunity School Districts, which are identified for improvement, receive their designation based on student achievement on statewide assessments. None of Camden County Schools are in improvement status. The following link provides descriptions of the improvement designations: <http://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/title-i/Pages/Priority-Focus-and-Opportunity-Schools.aspx>. Reward Schools are Title I schools that are either among the State's highest performing schools or schools with significantly high progress. Identified annually, Highest Performing Reward Schools are among the highest 5% of Title I schools in the state and High Progress Reward Schools are among the highest 10% of Title I schools in the state based on CCRPI data.

We are proud to relay that our school is **not** on a priority or focus list and that Camden County Schools is not an Opportunity School District. FY17 Reward schools have not yet been announced. Our 2016 CCRPI data revealed:

ELA: SMES exceeded the action plan goal by 5 percentage points. The preliminary outcomes revealed 42.2% of the students achieved at the proficient and distinguished levels of mastery on the Georgia Milestones EOG assessment.

Mathematics: Again, great gains in this area. SMES not only met the action plan goal of 47%, we exceeded the goal with a final outcome which revealed 54% of our students achieved at the proficient and distinguished levels of mastery on the Georgia Milestones EOG assessment.

Science: SMES set a goal to improve percent of students in proficiency and distinguished levels of mastery from 40 to 43%. Ours students exceeded this goal by demonstrating mastery in the top two levels of 49%. That's a nine point percentage gain over the previous year's outcome!

We are very excited out these outcomes and look forward to making even more improvements over the course of this school year. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact me at 912-882-4839.

Partners in Education,

Rhonda Lee,

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