

BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 201

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WEST HIGH SCHOOL

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EAST HIGH SCHOOL

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August 1, 2012

Dear Belleville West Parent:

Belleville Township High School District 201 is committed to providing a high-quality educational program for your child. We are working hard to provide programs to help all students succeed in our school district. Your child attends Belleville West which received Title I funds. These funds provide help for your child to meet state achievement standards. We anticipate that in the 2011-2012 school year, the school will not meet the adequate yearly progress (AYP) targets. Your child's school is in Restructuring which means the school has failed to make adequate yearly progress for 6 years in the same subject and in addition to offering public choice and supplemental educational services, at least one of the following actions will be implemented:

- Charter School: Reopen the school as a public charter school, consistent with Article 27A of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/27A);
- Staffing: Replace all or most of the school staff, which may include the principal, who are relevant to the school's inability to make adequate yearly progress;
- Contracting: Enter into a contract with an entity, such as a private management company with a demonstrated record of effectiveness, to operate the school as a public school; *or*
- Other Major Restructuring: Implement any other restructuring of the school's governance that makes fundamental reform in:
 - i. Governance and management; and/or
 - ii. Financing and material resources; and/or
 - iii. Staffing

Our district's 2012 report card and the most recent AYP status report for your school show how your child's school compares to other schools in our district and state. You can obtain a copy of these reports on our Web site, <http://bths201.org>, at your child's school, or at the school district office as soon as it's released by the State.

We anticipate that Belleville West High School will be identified because all subgroups did not make the target of 92.5% proficient in reading and math. We will continue our plan for school improvement that has a focus on student achievement. We have had great success in increasing achievement with our Summer Math and Reading Academy, math tutoring, Reading Across the Curriculum Program, Math and Reading Seminars, and various other strategies. The district and the State Board of Education are working with your child's school to help improve the academic standards of the school. This is being accomplished by providing technical assistance to teachers and administrators within your child's school. However, this may not be enough and we want to request your help as the school addresses its academic problem. We will seek input from parents at different school events this year, and invite parents who are interested in serving on school improvement committees to contact the building Principal. We want to involve parents in school improvement planning as much as possible.

The No Child Left Behind Act provides you, as a parent, the option to transfer your child to another public school within the district with transportation provided by the district. However, at this time we do not have a school within our district to which your child can transfer. We have contacted neighboring districts to request that they provide us with a school we can offer you as an option. No school district has agreed to do so this school year.

Belleville Township High School District 201 offers excellent educational opportunity and services for students. We will continue to implement government mandates for education and work with all students to increase achievement. Rest assured that we accept the challenge presented and will extend our effort for the good of all students and the community. Thank you for your support of Belleville Township High School District 201.

If you have additional questions about these services please call Rich Mertens, building Principal, at (618) 222-7500.

Sincerely,

Jeff Dosier, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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