

September 4, 2009

Dear Parents:

This letter is to inform you that South Central Elementary (K-8) Building has been identified as School Improvement Year 2 (SI2), as determined by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). Our school **did meet** 75% (3 out of 4) of Ohio's goals for specific subgroups of students last year! We are very proud of our accomplishments.

South Central K-8 Building works very hard to provide a quality public education to all students. Data provided in the Local Report Card [<http://www.ode.state.oh.us/reportcard>] is used to determine whether a school district and/or individual building(s) become identified as School Improvement buildings. For the 2008-09 school year, our data indicates that Students with Disabilities (SWD) subgroup did not make adequate yearly progress (AYP) last year in the area of reading, but both SWD and Economically Disadvantaged (ED) subgroups did make AYP last year in math and ED subgroup met AYP in reading! Our local report card **also shows continued growth** in these subgroups; this validates that our district is committed to providing a high quality public education to all students. For the past three years, South Central Elementary has earned the state's distinction of an Effective Building; this year, South Central Elementary will also earn the distinction of Effective, meeting 12 of 19 report card indicators.

However, due to the *SI 2* status and according to the rules established, your child *might* qualify to attend a similar school building that is NOT in need of improvement; however, South Central Elementary (K-8) is the only elementary school building in the South Central Local School District. Refer to the Federal *No Child Left Behind* legislation to exercise your privilege for public school choice; contact your building principal for information about on-line community school and other public school options. Understand that your child may, *and is strongly encouraged to*, continue his or her education at South Central Elementary. You may request supplemental educational services (tutoring) on a limited basis (family must meet income limits under the law); a list of approved tutoring programs is available by contacting your building principal or viewing at <http://dnet01.ode.state.oh.us/ses/ProviderLookup.aspx>.

To help South Central Elementary get out of School Improvement, we are continuing our plan to help our students do even better for the coming year! Staff will participate in ODE-sponsored professional development opportunities, and parents are invited to form a committee to assist in our improvement plans. Please contact Dennis Blanchard, South Central Elementary Principal, or Terry Goodsite, South Central Middle School Principal, if you are interested in being part of the committee or would like more information on ways you can help.

Please contact Ben Chaffee, Jr., Superintendent, if you wish to discuss the possibility of transferring to another public school or to discuss available supplemental educational services within two weeks of the date of this letter. Please contact the Superintendent's Office if you have additional questions or concerns.

In the interest of students,

Ben Chaffee, Jr.  
Superintendent  
South Central Local School District