



August 7, 2015

Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

The Georgia Department of Education submitted to the U.S. Department of Education an application requesting flexibility through waivers of ten Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 (ESEA) requirements and their associated, regulatory, administrative and reporting requirements. On February 9, 2012, Georgia's ESEA Flexibility waiver was approved by the US ED. Two of the ten waivers directly affected supplemental educational services and public school choice. The waiver allows local educational agencies (LEAs) greater flexibility in designing a flexible learning program tailored to the needs of their school and will have the capacity to serve more students in need for additional academic support.

Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, the GaDOE transitioned from needs improvement (NI) distinctions based on adequate yearly progress (AYP) reports to Reward, Priority, Focus and Alert School status. In addition, the GaDOE ESEA flexibility waiver outlines Georgia's new Single Statewide Accountability System, the College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI). The CCRPI will serve as a comprehensive report card for all schools in Georgia. The state systems will give parents, students, teachers and families a more complete and comprehensive picture of where a school or district is meeting performance expectations or where it is not. 2012 and future CCRPI reports can be found by accessing the Georgia Department of Education website at www.gadoe.org or by accessing the school's website at <http://huttomiddle.dcboc.com> for individual school designation information.

Your child attends Hutto Middle School which receives Federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. We are proud to say that Hutto has not been given a designation which means we are continuing to provide a quality education for students. If at any time you wish to receive additional information regarding your child's performance on state assessments beyond that which is provided immediately following the assessment, please contact Roy Mathews, Principal at 229-248-2224.

Hutto Middle School continues to make progress in a number of areas due to the hard work of our teachers. The instructional staff is ready for the coming school year and is prepared to give your child a high-quality education. As a Title I school, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and qualifications.

We are happy to provide this information to you and at any time you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications. If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact Roy Mathews, Principal at 229-248-2224 or Dr. Linda Lumpkin, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources at 229-248-2806

Hutto Middle School's Staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to become college and work ready. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals are highly skilled and we are proud to report that 100% of our staff is highly qualified.

In July 2012, Senate Bill 289 and Houses Bill 175 passed allowing students opportunities to take online courses. This legislation does not require an online course to graduate, but provides an online learning option should your student or you choose this option. Decatur County School System will provide online learning opportunities through Georgia Virtual School by allowing students to take a course or courses as part of their assigned required courses. Students who wish to pursue online course enrollment should read information provided on the Georgia Virtual website, www.gavirtualschool.org. Pay close attention to deadlines in the Georgia Virtual process as well as the list of courses offered. For more information about the opportunity for your student to participate in online courses, please contact Roy Mathews, Principal at 229-248-2224.

Hutto Middle School is committed to ensuring that your student is provided a quality education through the ongoing implementation of the Georgia Standards of Excellence. Excellence, Engagement, and Accountability for all is being achieved by the educational team at this school and throughout the district. Achievement of District SACS Accreditation supports our vision for continuous school improvement.

Please feel free to contact Roy Mathews, Principal at 229-248-2224 should you have additional questions about your child's school or academic progress. Additional information can also be viewed on the district website, www.dcboe.com, by clicking the Federal Programs link. We look forward to a successful 2015-2016 school year.

Sincerely,



Dr. Fred Rayfield, Superintendent



Roy Mathews, Principal