

Achieving Excellence Together

2009 -2010 School Year

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Since the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) of 2001, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) annually reviews the performance of every Title I funded school district to ensure that all students meet NYSED academic achievement standards.

We are pleased to inform you that the Yonkers Public School District has been notified by NYSED that it is a *District In Good Standing*. Through ongoing implementation of a three (3) year action plan, our students have been assured of attending schools that district-wide attained levels of success in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics. This was accomplished through ongoing review of instructional practices, curriculum revision and rigor in implementation, enhanced instructional supports, guidance of professional consultants, professional development opportunities among all administrators and teachers, as well as addressing the addressing the individual academic goals set for all students.

Along with this achievement, we learned that your child's school, School 13, which was identified as a School in Need of Improvement (SINI) has continued to work at meeting the goals set for it by NYSED. For the past year, the school implemented action plans that addressed their attainment of Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) in ELA and mathematics. As students, teachers and administrators continue to implement a successful action plan; it is our expectation that by the end of this school year, School 13, will no longer be designated a School In Need of Improvement.

Since School 13 is listed for 2009-2010 by NYSED under NCLB as SINI, you have the option to request a transfer for your child to other selected schools in the District based upon available capacity in your child's grade. If you are interested in a transfer for your child, please contact Dr. Fred Hernández, School 13 Principal, at (914) 376-8335 to arrange a meeting. The principal will inform you of the school transfer options, provide necessary transfer documentation, and address your questions.

Sincerely,

Bernard P. Pierorazio
Superintendent of Schools