

Lincoln Elementary School
1260 Gresham Street
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18017
Telephone (610) 866-8727 Fax (610) 807-5545



Inspiring Lifelong Learners & Leaders One Child at a Time!

September 2018

Dear Lincoln Families,

Lincoln Elementary School has been given an opportunity to receive additional resources for intervention opportunities (remedial and enrichment) and family workshops for our school!

On August 20, 2013, the Pennsylvania Department Education (PDE) received waivers from ten requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESA) of 1965, as amended by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) of 2001. However, ESEA/NCLB still requires that parents or guardians who have children attending a Title 1 school be notified of the school's academic achievement as well as the school's designation under Pennsylvania's ESEA Flexibility Waiver. This letter is intended to provide additional information concerning the options available to your child under Pennsylvania's ESEA Flexibility Waiver and to help you understand what the waiver will mean for you and your child.

During the 2013-2014 School Year, PDE discontinued the use of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) to determine a school's designation. Instead, in accordance with the ESEA Flexibility Waiver, PDE uses four Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) to designate the Title 1 schools as Reward – High Achievement, Reward – High Progress, Focus or Priority schools. The four AMOs include measuring test participation rate; graduation/attendance rate; closing the achievement gap for all students, and closing the achievement gap for historically underperforming students. In addition, all public schools in the state receives a School Performance Profile score based on 100 points. This score is considered as the school's academic performance score, and while not the criteria for determination of Reward, Focus or Priority status, it details student performance through scoring of multiple measures that define achievement. The School Performance Profile also includes supports to allow schools to access materials and resources to improve defined areas related to achievement.

To date, the State has not released the School Performance Profile Scores. Information regarding our school may be found at www.pvaas.sas.com.

Lincoln Elementary School is designated as a Focus School. This designation was based solely on PSSA test data from the 2012-2013 school year. The areas of improvement and focus for our school are *our students' performance on the Reading PSSA, continued improvement on the Math PSSA and continued growth for students who are proficient and advanced students.*

As a Focus school, we will continue to work collaboratively with our parents/guardians, community and our school district to develop our yearly improvement plan which will include intervention and enrichment programs during and out of school programs to respond to the specific needs of improving the performance of our low-performing student subgroups and stretch the learning of our proficient and advanced students. A few of the programs we currently provide are: Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), Student Assistance Program (SAP), Homework Club, peer tutoring, reading buddies, small group/individualized, a host of after-school programs, Summer Academy, Big Brothers Big Sisters, PSSA Family Night, Kindergarten play dates, Reading Is Fundamental Days (RIF), Bed, Book and Beyond, Pre-K open houses and family nights, and Morning Mindfulness Program. The Focus designation will enable us to receive additional funds to provide even more programs for our students and families. The Focus designation also funds onsite professional development for our staff in Literacy and allowed us to purchase over 100 chrome books for each student can have a computer during instruction.

An important part of the success plan for Lincoln Elementary School is family participation and support in developing a plan to improve student achievement. We hope that, as a parent/guardian, you will become involved in our school improvement plan initiatives, reinforce the importance of putting forth effort in schoolwork, check homework and notices regularly and stay in communication with your child's teacher as we continue to monitor student achievement and set higher expectations. If you're interested in participating in developing our school improvement initiatives, please contact myself or Amanda Madea, Community School Coordinator at (610) 866-8727, ext. 14902 or amadea@basdschools.org.

Thank you for all that you do to support your child's education!

Sincerely,

Benita S. Draper