

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND
Public Law 107-110, Section 116(b)(1)(E)
Illinois State Board of Education Guidance
Public School Choice

Arbor Park School District 145
17301 S. Central Avenue
Oak Forest, Illinois 60452

September, 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Arbor Park School District 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 Scarlet Oak which receives federal Title I funds. These funds provide help for your child to meet state achievement standards. In the 2009-2010 school year, the school did not meet the adequate yearly progress (AYP) targets. Your child's school remains in school improvement which means the school has failed to make adequate yearly progress for at least 3 years in the same subject and is required to offer public school choice and supplemental educational services (A family must meet low-income guidelines to qualify for Supplemental Education Services).

Our district's 2010 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. The AYP report is available and the school report card will be available in October. These reports are available on our Web site, at your child's school, and at the school district office.

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Your child's school has been identified because one of our subgroups did not meet the target of 77.5% in Reading. The school is working to improve the school's academic program by working with ISC4 and the state board template on school improvement. 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 the 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 problems. The school would like to invite parents to volunteer, serve on committees, and provide input throughout the year to help with the school improvement plan. We would also like to involve parents in addressing the academic issues that caused the school to be identified for school improvement.

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 the district to which your child can transfer. We have contacted neighboring districts to request that they provide us with a school(s) we can offer you as an option. No school district has agreed to do so this school year.

Please call Andrea Sala at (708) 687 - 5822 if you have any questions about these services. You are always welcome to join us to talk about helping your child and deciding the best approach.

Thank you,

Allen J. Jebens Jr.
Superintendent