

MATILDA HARRIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"Where Children are Treasured"



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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965 requires that parents or guardians who have children attending a Title I school be notified of how well their child's school is preparing its students for college and/or a career, as well as the school's designation status under Georgia's ESEA Flexibility Waiver.

Under the 2015 renewal of Georgia's ESEA Flexibility Waiver, certain Title I schools continue to be designated as Reward, Priority, or Focus Schools or in an Opportunity School District. The waiver allows the use of the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) as the comprehensive report card for all schools in Georgia, providing a score between 0-100 for each school—measuring how well the school is doing in preparing its students to be successful in college and/or a career.

Priority and Focus Schools as well as Opportunity School Districts, which are identified for improvement, receive their designation based on student achievement on statewide assessments. None of Camden County Schools are in improvement status. The following link provides descriptions of the improvement designations: <http://www.gadoe.org/School-Improvement/Federal-Programs/title-i/Pages/Priority-Focus-and-Opportunity-Schools.aspx>.

Reward Schools are Title I schools that are either among the State's highest performing schools or schools with significantly high progress. Identified annually, Highest Performing Reward Schools are among the highest 5% of Title I schools in the state and High Progress Reward Schools are among the highest 10% of Title I schools in the state based on CCRPI data. Matilda Harris Elementary was awarded the Title I Highest Performing Reward School distinction. To increase the percentage of students in grade three scoring a 650 or higher Lexile from 56% to 59% on the 2017 GMAS.

We are proud to relay that our school is not on a priority or focus list and that Camden County Schools is not an Opportunity School District. FY17 Reward schools have not yet been announced. Our 2016 CCRPI data revealed:

- On the 2016 GA Milestones ELA EOG for grades 3-5, the percentage of students in the proficient and distinguished levels (3 - 4) was 48%.
- On the 2016 GA Milestones Math EOG for grades 3-5, the percentage of students in the proficient and distinguished levels (3 - 4) was 56%.
- On the 2016 GA Milestones ELA EOG the percentage of students in grade 3 scoring a 650 or higher Lexile was 56%.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact me at 912-729-2940.

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