

August, 2010

Dear Central Park Parent/Guardian:

According to State assessment results, Central Park School did not meet its Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) requirements for at least two years. The school is in its implementation year of Restructuring which means the school has failed to make adequate yearly progress for five years. In addition to offering public school choice and supplemental educational services other options might include reopen as a charter school, replace all or most of the staff, enter into a contract with an entity, state takeover, or implement any other major restructuring of the school's governance. Therefore, in accordance with the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*, your child may have the option to transfer to another school within the district with transportation provided. Transfer requests will be honored as long as the district's budget allotment has not been depleted.

Our district's 2010 (available in October) 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. These reports will be available on our Web site (www.msdl43.org), at your child's school, and at the school district office.

Central Park School was identified in 2010 in reading for subgroups; "Hispanic" and "All" and in math for subgroup; "Students with Disabilities". In 2009, however, all of these subgroups **did** meet AYP at Central Park. The school has been working to improve the school's academic program in many ways. We believe programs such as; small group reading instruction and differentiation of instruction will have a positive impact on the success our students realize. We are also focusing a great deal on professional development for our teachers in the area of reading. A School Improvement Plan has also been developed which includes concentrated efforts in reading for all students. Parents have always been a key element to our school improvement efforts, and will continue to serve in this essential capacity.

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.

The following is a list of the other schools in our district to which you can choose to transfer your child:

Spaulding School (Grades K-3)
Springfield School (Grades K-6)
Kolmar School (Grades K-8)

Of the three schools listed above in 2010 Spaulding made AYP in both reading and math and Springfield and Kolmar did not make AYP in reading but they both did make AYP in math. If you are requesting a transfer for your child, you must submit the form at the end of this attachment no later than September 10, 2010 to Ms. Amraen, Central Park Principal.

Please call Ms. Amraen at 385-0045 if you have any questions about these services. You may also talk with her about your options on Thursday, September 9, 2010 at the Central Park Back to School Night which will be held at 6:00 pm.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Hollingsworth
Superintendent

Midlothian School District 143

Public School Choice Option Form

If interested, please complete this form and return to:

Ms. Amraen, Principal
Central Park School
3621 W. 151st Street
Midlothian, IL 60445

by

September 10, 2010

Student Name(s) _____

_____ Yes, I wish to transfer my child/children from Central Park School to: (indicate priority for the following schools)

_____ Spaulding School (K-3)

_____ Springfield School (K-6)

_____ Kolmar School (K-8)

_____ Yes, my child/children need/s transportation
to _____ School.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date