

# FELICITY - FRANKLIN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## 2009-2010 Notice of School Improvement AYP Status Public School Choice and Supplemental Education Services Notification Felicity-Franklin Middle School

August 10, 2010

Dear Parent or Guardian,

To comply with the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, we are giving you notice that Felicity-Franklin Middle School was identified as being in School Improvement Year 2 on the 2008-2009 Local Report Card. This status means that the school did not meet one or more of Ohio's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals in reading, mathematics, or attendance for three consecutive years. Since a building must meet AYP two consecutive years, Felicity-Franklin Middle School will still be identified in School Improvement on the 2009-2010 Local Report Card even if the building meets AYP. As of this date, Felicity-Franklin Middle School has met AYP in all subgroups for reading but has missed AYP with the subgroup of students with disabilities in the content area of math. Value-added may change the AYP status, but the building will not know this until later in August.

To view our local report card to compare our schools with other schools in our area, access it at [<http://www.ode.state.oh.us/reportcard>]. When looking at the report cards you will find that Bethel-Tate Middle School (grades 6-8) earned an Excellent rating, but did not meet AYP for the 2008-2009 school year. Hill Intermediate houses the 5th grade and that building was rated Effective and did not meet AYP. New Richmond Middle School which houses 7th -8th grade was rated Effective and did not meet AYP. Monroe Elementary which houses 5th-6th grade has an Excellent rating and met AYP. An overall comparison of Felicity-Franklin Middle School will show that Felicity is making great strides and is achieving at the Excellent rating with an Above rating in Value-Added.

Felicity-Franklin Middle School has been identified as in School Improvement status based on the performance of the students with disabilities subgroup. Children with Special Needs are protected by law and schools are required to implement strategies that best fit each child's Individual Education Plan. Parents of children with special needs are encouraged to attend IEP meetings. All parents are invited to attend parent-teachers conferences and participate in other activities that could enhance their child's progress or achievement. Parents can use Edline (an on-line grade book) to access their child's grades and homework.

To help Felicity-Franklin Middle School continue to meet AYP in reading, the building will continue the partnership with Success for All and will be teaching the Reading Edge program again this year. With this partnership there will be the opportunity for parents to be very involved in the educational process. These opportunities include serving on committees, volunteering, and even tutoring. Also, teachers will be providing free tutoring to students who wish to take advantage. If you want or need more information about ways that you can get involved or for starting dates and times for the free tutoring, please contact the Middle School Principal, Sabrina Armstrong.

*Glenn Moore*  
Superintendent

*James Napier*  
Treasurer

*Guy Hopkins*  
High School Principal

*Sabrina Armstrong*  
Middle School Principal

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The enactment of NCLB gives parents and guardians the right to request your child be transferred to another school if the current school has not made AYP for two consecutive years, which is the present status of your child's school. If you would like for your child to be transferred to another school that is not in school improvement, please use the Requests for School Transfer-Public School Choice form for each child in your home who attends Felicity-Franklin Middle School. The school will respond to your request.

Since there are no other schools to transfer to within the school district, there is a provided list of out-of-district schools that are available for public school choice. Choices may be limited due to area schools not meeting AYP and the lack of community schools in the immediate area. Transportation will be provided for a limited time due to Felicity-Franklin Local School's right to set aside a minimum amount for transportation costs. This minimum does not guarantee transportation for the entire year.

Felicity-Franklin Middle School will again provide the opportunity for free tutoring to all students through our teacher tutoring program. However, if your child receives free or reduced lunch, they may be eligible for free tutoring provided by state approved tutoring programs. Depending on the number of students who register for Supplementary Education Services (SES) and meeting maximum spending requirements, services may be limited to the lowest achieving students. **Parents or Guardians who are interested in registering their child for free tutoring will need to get the registration form back to the Middle School office as soon as possible.** The school will provide assistance in selecting an approved provider through a registration interview after a registration is received. The school will need time to collect and organize the requests for SES. After the deadline has expired, a list of students will be created that can receive free tutoring and parents will be notified if their child will be eligible. A registration interview with the Middle School Principal will occur at this time.

A list of approved tutoring providers can be viewed at:

<http://dnet01.ode.state.oh.us/ses/ProviderLookup.aspx>

These providers have been approved by the Ohio Department of Education and will provide your child with tutoring that is coordinated with what is being taught in your child's school. The availability of this free tutoring may be limited due to spending requirements.

Attached you will find the Request for School Transfer and the Request for Supplemental Education Services.

Please feel free to call or email if you have any questions.

*Sabrina Armstrong*

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