

Callaway Elementary School

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SCHOOL STATUS PARENT NOTIFICATION

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

In December 2015, the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA), the replacement for the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* (commonly known as *No Child Left Behind*) was signed into law. In an effort to ensure parents of student who attend Title I schools are notified on how well their school is preparing its students for college and/or a career, our district mandates all schools inform parents of their College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI score). The comprehensive report card for all schools in Georgia, provides 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.

Callaway's CCRPI score is 59.8. If you would like additional information please visit the school's webpage or Georgia Department of Education website, www.gadoe.org or the GOSA website, <https://schoolgrades.georgia.gov>.

I am very proud to tell you that Callaway Elementary is a Title I school that is continuing to provide a quality education to all of our students.

After thoroughly reviewing preliminary 2016 GMAS data we have found that our 3rd graders demonstrated the highest level of proficiency at 65% in reading. This was higher than any other content area across grades 3rd and 5th grade in reading. Additional, 3rd grade reading proficiency increased by nearly 20% from the 2015 GMAS 3rd grade reading results. However, the data reflects that there is great room for improvements in math, science, social studies, reading and ELA in grades 3rd through 5th. The areas we found in our program needing attention were as follows:

Reading in all grades.

- Math is an area of concern with much work needing to be done with a focus in the areas of Numbers and Operations, Geometry and Measurement.

- Writing in 3rd – 5th grades due to the emphasis placed on constructed response performance on the GMAS in the areas of ELA and Math. This is also due to the implementation of The College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI).
- To prepare students for success on the Georgia Milestones heavy emphasis will be placed on writing across all content areas with a focus on comparative analytical written responses for multiple sources of text.
- The specific academic needs of those students that are to be addressed in the school-wide plan will be identified in our School Improvement Plan for all grades. Our Reading/ELA needs are in Vocabulary Acquisition, Reading for Information, and Author's Purpose.
- Science needs are in Earth Science and we will utilize weekly Science Labs for exploration. Students will also complete district required Social Studies will be civics, government and geography in all grades.

At **Callaway Elementary** we take pride in the teaching we provide for our children. Our teachers and staff members work very hard to meet the needs of all students to ensure they achieve at their highest potential.

An important part of Callaway's success is parent participation and support in developing activities to improve student achievement. We hope that you will become engaged in our school improvement work as we continue to monitor student achievement and set high expectations. If you are interested in participating in the development of our school improvement plans, being a part of our family engagement team or have questions about how you can better help your child in school, please contact **Dr. Sheadric Barbra, Principal** at **678-479-2600** or **sheadric.barbra@clayton.k12.ga.us**.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Sheadric Barbra
Principal