

**Hudson City School District**  
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001 requires all school districts to meet high academic standards as set by each state. Each school, in each district, must improve every year until all students meet these standards. This yearly improvement is called Annual Yearly Progress (AYP). The status of schools and districts which receive Title I funds are reviewed in this manner every year.

The Hudson City School District was formally notified that it is a District In Need of Improvement (DINI) as a result of insufficient improvement (failure to make AYP) on New York State exams for English language arts (ELA) at both the elementary/middle and secondary instructional levels.

The Montgomery C. Smith Intermediate School is in Restructuring (Year 1) as a result of insufficient improvement (failure to make AYP) on the 2011 English language arts (ELA) exam.

The Hudson Junior/Senior High School is identified as a School In Improvement (Year 1) as a result of insufficient improvement (failure to make AYP) in high school ELA and mathematics.

The Hudson City School District has been working diligently to increase student achievement district-wide in English language arts and mathematics. Support is being provided through a collaborative relationship with the New York State Education Department, Questar III BOCES, Capital Area School Development Association (CASDA), and SUNY Plattsburgh.

By maintaining a working relationship with these agencies, generating an action plan to move forward, communicating with parents, and meeting yearly progress goals, the district is provided with ongoing financial and technical assistance and is not at risk of losing control over Title I funding or of facing dramatic staffing changes. Major structural adjustments are only at the jurisdiction of the superintendent of schools and the board of education and only following such an ongoing lack of progress in meeting AYP that the district is identified as in need of major reorganization. Currently the SINI/DINI status includes a stipulation that a greater percentage of Title I funds must be allocated to professional development and the facilitation of school choice, if applicable. However, Title I funding has also been supplemented in order to enable the district to make the necessary changes. Our goal is to better meet the needs of all of our students and to demonstrate Adequate Yearly Progress.

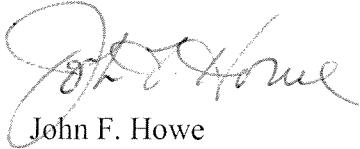
In order to be effective, school improvements must be a united effort. We welcome and encourage your involvement in your child's education and in activities, meetings and initiatives within each building as well as district- and school-wide plans. To learn more about NCLB requirements and become aware of strategies to improve student achievement, please review the following web sites:

[www.emsc.nysed.gov](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov) – The New York State Education Department  
[www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov) – The United States Department of Education

We look forward to your support and participation in our ongoing efforts to provide the best education possible for Hudson City School District students. Please feel free to contact us at any time for further information or to learn of ways to become more involved.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John F. Howe".

John F. Howe  
Superintendent of Schools

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cc: Assistant Superintendent  
Building Administrators