

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Montgomery C. Smith Intermediate School (MCSIS) has been designated as a *School in Restructuring, Year 1 for English Language Arts (ELA)*. It is projected that MCSIS did not meet Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) based on the results of the 2011 ELA exams. In order to be removed from the *Restructuring* status, Montgomery C. Smith Intermediate School must make AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) for two consecutive years.

The Montgomery C. Smith Intermediate School Leadership Team (SLT), comprised of both staff, parents and community members, meets monthly to work on action plans that address the identified area of need in ELA. MCSIS teachers will regularly inform parents of individual student progress through written and oral communication. The SLT Team has developed a plan to provide improved support for students who demonstrate needs in the areas of reading and writing.

The District K-12 ELA Committee works to align, implement and update the K-12 ELA curriculum to insure adherence to State standards. Furthermore, curriculum mapping using a district-wide software program has allowed teachers to share and view curriculum which enables better coordination through the grades.

In addition, as a result of the MCSIS's *Restructuring* status, the Hudson City School District is required to offer Supplemental Education Services (SES) to Montgomery C. Smith Intermediate School students who meet certain family income guidelines and who have demonstrated high academic need. Supplemental Education Services (SES) is a Federal mandate via NCLB (No Child Left Behind). SES will be coordinated through the Assistant Superintendent's office. Further information regarding SES will be described in a separate letter.

We intend to be diligent in our efforts to provide the best possible education for your child, and appreciate your ongoing cooperation and support as we move forward.

Sincerely Yours,

John F. Howe
Superintendent of Schools

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cc. Assistant Superintendent