



## Binghamton City School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Binghamton City School District is committed to helping all schools reach high standards for student achievement and giving all children in every school a quality education. We are making progress, but there is still work that needs to be done. The New York State Education Department is required to identify schools in NY that are in need of improvement as required under federal Every Student Succeeds Act legislation. Below you will find a list of each school in the District and their accountability status for the 2017-2018 school year. Every effort is being made to provide the highest quality instructional program to best meet the needs of your child.

Benjamin Franklin Elementary	Priority School
Thomas Jefferson Elementary	Focus School
Horace Mann Elementary	Focus School
Theodore Roosevelt Elementary	Focus School
Calvin Coolidge Elementary	Focus School
MacArthur Elementary	Focus School
Woodrow Wilson Elementary	Focus School
East Middle School	Priority School
West Middle School	Focus School
Binghamton High School	Focus School

In addition, the Every Student Succeeds Act requires that school districts with one or more school identified as Focus or Priority must provide families with the opportunity to send their students to another school within the district that is in good standing. Because all schools in the Binghamton City School District are either Focus or Priority Schools, the Public School Choice option is not available.

Although Public School Choice is not available, a wide variety of supports and interventions are offered to help your student succeed. We are confident that the strategies and programs outlined in each school's improvement plan will result in successful experiences for your child. School Improvement Plans can be found on the school's web-site. We encourage you to review it.

Our academic goals will continue to support those outlined by the Board of Education:

- To ensure all students have equal access to rigorous, high quality curriculum that is aligned to the Common Core Standards and delivered through challenging instruction;
- To ensure continuous improvement of administrators and teachers through performance evaluation;
- To create and implement communication methods that ensure families and the community are genuine partners;

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- To ensure all students experience a safe and positive school climate that welcomes and actively engages all families;
- To align district resources in the attainment of high levels of student achievement and instructional excellence.

Parents are an integral part of ensuring their child's success in school. We ask that you support your child by making sure that she/he comes to school every day on time. We also invite you to participate in school activities. Stay in close contact with your child's school principal and teachers to monitor your child's academic progress.

If you would like additional academic information on your school you can view it online from the school's web-site, or access it directly from the NYSED website at <http://www.data.nysed.gov>.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's Principal or the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum Office at 762-8100 x220.