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July 17, 2011 (first notice); August 5, 2011 (second notice)

Dear Parents/Guardians of Springfield Academy of Excellence Students,

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, I mailed a letter explaining our preliminary results from the 2010-11 school year: Our Performance Index score went from 80.2 to 77.6, a drop of 2.6 points that should cause us to move our rating from Continuous Improvement to Academic Watch on our State Report Card that is scheduled to be released on August 24, 2011. Under the **federal** “No Child Left Behind” (NCLB) law, we have an additional rating, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), that measures school wide performance as well as the performance on every subgroup population that was tested -- Did our students with disabilities population score above a certain mark? Did our low income population? Did our minority population? Federal regulations require SAE to inform parents that their child has the option of attending a school that is not in School Improvement. Our School Improvement status is expected to be placed in “School Improvement Year 5 or 6” category because we did not meet AYP in all areas like we did the previous year: We met AYP in math and reading participation and attendance, but failed to meet AYP in Reading and Math performance. Each year I inform you of buildings that are not in School Improvement so that you have the option of Public School Choice, NCLB section 1116. This law allows SAE students to apply (if space available) and receive transportation (if eligible) to attend any of these schools that **are not** in School Improvement status. August 9 – August 24, official report card data will be released. At that time, I will have a list of Springfield City School buildings that **are not** in School Improvement. Last year all buildings were in School Improvement, so we had none to list (see 2009-10 attached chart).

Following the federal guidelines regarding the school’s status, we are notifying you that you have the following options:

1. You may continue to have your child attend Springfield Academy of Excellence.
2. Students may be eligible to attend a school **not** in School Improvement (as described above).
3. Students may return to their home public school. No Public School Choice transportation is required to be offered for this option.
4. As an alternative to Public School Choice, you may request Supplemental Educational Services (free tutoring for a limited number of students). Last year, 5 of our students attended Student Achievement Center; 11 students attended Sylvan Learning Center. The full list of providers can be found on the ODE website: <https://dnet01.ode.state.oh.us/ses/ProviderLookup.aspx> Come to the **parent meeting on August 29<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** in the annex computer lab to review the full list of providers, discuss additional tutoring opportunities, and review our improvement plan for 2011-12. We will hold this same meeting again on September 12, 2011, at 3:15 p.m. in the annex computer lab. The deadline for applying for a tutoring program is September 23, 2011. You should receive a letter of acceptance or non-acceptance by October 15, 2011.

Parents can help our school improve student performance by:

- participating in Parent Team meetings that address student achievement
- supporting and reinforcing that students need good study habits
- reviewing your child’s homework and test results
- setting goals with your child for continued academic success
- reminding students to focus on learning while at school

Again, a special Parent Team meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 29th, at 6:00 p.m.** in the annex lab to address questions regarding tutoring and our improvement plan for the new year.

Sincerely,  
*Edna Chapman*  
Principal