



Forest Elementary School
513 Cleveland Street Forest, MS 39074

Dear Parent or Guardian,

RE: 2014 Accountability Results: School Differentiated Accountability Designations

During the 2011-2012 school year, Mississippi sought and received waivers from certain *No Child Left Behind (NCLB)* requirements through the ESEA Flexibility Request. The purpose of this letter is to describe the educational opportunities made possible by Mississippi's Flexibility Request and to help you understand what the Request will mean for you and your child.

Your child's school, Forest Elementary School, has been identified as a Focus School because it is among schools with largest gaps between the highest and lowest achieving subgroups. Specifically, the school's overall proficiency level is 57.6% for reading and 73.2% for mathematics. The school has conducted a comprehensive needs assessment and will implement the following interventions:

- Develop a Leadership Team that will meet regularly to analyze school performance data and classroom observation data to make decisions about school improvement and professional development needs
- Develop Instructional Teams that will meet for blocks of time to develop and refine units of instruction and review student learning data.

The school will also develop and implement an action plan that addresses areas of deficiency. Through improvement objectives and a system of continuous monitoring, the school will evaluate the action plan throughout the year. A community council will be established and will actively participate in action plan implementation.

For more information, please contact Stacy Crosby, Principal, at 601-469-3073 or visit online at www.forest.k12.ms.us or the Mississippi Department of Education at www.mde.k12.ms.us.

Sincerely,

Stacy Crosby

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Principal