

August 14, 2011

Dear Grand Blanc Academy Families:

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This year, Grand Blanc Academy is identified for improvement because one of our subgroups demonstrated 61% proficiency in reading which is below the required proficiency level in Michigan. The required goal was 77% in elementary and 74% at the middle school level. A comparison of our test scores to other schools in the district and the State average can be found on the next page.

In order to address this problem, Grand Blanc Academy will:

- Provide concentrated professional development in the area of differentiated reading instruction.
- We are currently working with the Genesee Intermediate School District Support Team for High Priority Title One Schools:
  - We have reformed the School Improvement Committee in order to update the Comprehensive Needs Assessment
  - We are rewriting the School Improvement Plan
- We will continue to offer free
  - After-School Tutoring
  - Saturday school
  - Summer school
- Intervention teachers are available to work with our most at risk students.
- Our class sizes will continue to remain at 25:1 student to teacher ratio. This remains amongst the lowest in the county.
- Unlike most schools in the county, we offer Personalized Student Achievement Plans and Parent Teacher Conferences three times per year.

You can assist our efforts by attending parent workshops and supporting our efforts to provide additional assistance through after school tutoring, Saturday School, and/or Summer School if needed. Open Communication with your child's teacher will assist our efforts.

Since Grand Blanc Academy is identified for improvement, we must offer you the opportunity to transfer your child to your resident district or to a school which is not identified for improvement. If Grand Blanc Academy receives more applications than can be accommodated, priority will be given to the lowest-achieving children from low-income families. You will be notified by mail of your child's transfer status.

To help you decide, we have provided test information from the schools that made AYP along with Grand Blanc Academy's information so you can compare them. Based on this information, you may choose a school using the enclosed transfer form. Transportation to this school will be provided **unless it is your district of residence**. You must complete

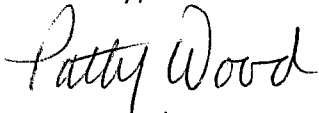
this form by September 15, 2011 and return it to Patty Wood at Grand Blanc Academy for consideration.

School Name	Grades Served	Proficiency Reading	Proficiency Math
Grand Blanc Academy	K-8	86%	94%
Woodland Park Academy	K-8	80%	90%

If you decide not to transfer, remember free tutoring may be available to your child. You will receive a separate letter regarding tutoring opportunities at a later date.

To discuss this decision further, please call Patty Wood at (810)953-3140 and we will be happy to help you.

Sincerely,



Patty Wood  
Chief Administrative Officer

**Grand Blanc Academy**  
**No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Public School Choice/Transfer Request**

If you desire to transfer your child to another public school or academy please complete one application per child and return on or before September 15, 2011

Grand Blanc Academy  
Patty Wood  
5135 East Hill Road  
Grand Blanc, MI 48439  
(810) 953-3140  
(810) 953-3165 fax

**Please complete the following student information:**

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Is this student currently enrolled in special education? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

**Parent/Guardian Statement:**

I have received and understand the notification sent informing me that Grand Blanc Academy did not make adequate yearly progress in the subgroup of special education and has been identified for improvement. I also understand that I have the option to transfer my child to another school that has not been identified for improvement. By returning this form, I understand that Grand Blanc Academy will assist with the transportation costs if the school is not my resident district.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

2nd Notice  
Available at conference

November 9, 2011

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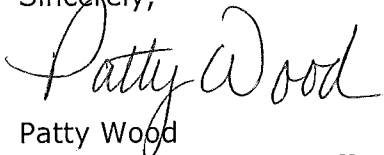
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