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Dear PYC Families,

Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) is dedicated to providing all students with an excellent education so that each child can succeed in school and in life. To ensure your child's success, we have set high standards that are reflected in what is taught in our classrooms. In the coming school year we will look at multiple assessment measures that indicate how our school is succeeding. This will ensure that we reach our goal of all children succeeding in school and in life.

This year PYC has been designated a continuous improvement school under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This is the result of the school being among the 25 percent of Title I schools with the lowest performance on the state's Multiple Measurement Rating (MMR), which measures school performance on student proficiency, academic growth, achievement gap reduction and graduation rates at the high school level.

Continuous improvement schools must use student performance data to undergo a needs assessment. A needs assessment is a systematic process whereby we analyze school data in order to make decisions on how to improve our school. We use the results of the needs assessment to create a school improvement plan aimed at helping all students reach their full potential.

Families and communities are at the center of our school improvement plan. You are invited to attend our annual State of the School and Title I meeting. The purpose of the State of the School and Title I annual meeting is to provide information to parents/guardians about the current state of the school and the School Improvement Plan. The school will share its priorities, goals and strategies for improvement as well as how families can be engaged throughout the year. This meeting will also clarify the purpose of Title I and the ongoing communication parents/guardians can expect to receive regarding their child's progress. If the meeting has not already taken place or you have not received this information, contact us for the specific date and time of the meeting.

Your engagement and support is critical to your child's success. We encourage you to contact your child's teacher(s) to learn how you can best support the work your child is doing in the classroom. Here are several things you can do to support your child's education:

- Make sure your child attends school every day, on time.
- Provide a quiet place for your child to do homework or read.
- Talk with your child about school.

We look forward to your continuing engagement and collaboration to make this a great school year! Please contact us at 612-643-2000 for more information about how to get involved.

Sincerely,

John Peterson
Director of Education
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