



Dawson-Bryant Middle School



"Home of the Coal Grove Hornets"

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Mr. Rick Barrett, Principal

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The main goal of the NCLB act is to ensure that all children in this country receive a quality education so that they can be academically successful in a high-performing educational environment. Under the federal *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)* of 2001 each state is required to assess all of the schools with their districts to determine whether each school has made adequate yearly progress (AYP), which means that they have met the academic testing standards set by the state. If the school has not made AYP for two consecutive years, it is considered "in need of improvement." Our local report card is available on ODE's website, our website, and a copy in the middle school office.

Title I served schools in School Improvement (SI) Status Year 1(Delay) and above are required to offer parents the option to transfer their child to a school not in improvement status (PSC). The U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) requires that parents of eligible students be notified of their choice options no later than 14 days prior to the first day of school.

Based on the results of this year's academic testing in reading, Dawson-Bryant Middle School did not make adequate yearly progress.

The district is taking the following steps to address the needs of the economical disadvantaged students:

- Professional development to implement the following intervention strategies: Collins Writing Program, differentiated instruction, and short-cycle assessments.
- OIP (Ohio Improvement Process) A process to identify critical needs of the district, develop a focused plan, implement and monitor the focused plan, and evaluate the improvement of the process.
- READ 180 – A researched based program by Scholastic designed for at-risk students in the area of language arts.
- Providing extra help for the students at-risk in the areas of reading and math on a daily basis.

We are required to send this letter so your child can attend a similar school that is not in need of improvement and the district will pay for transportation. However, there are no other middle schools within our district for your child to attend, however, virtual schools are an option such as: Cardington Lincoln Local Digital Academy, Graham Digital Academy, Kent Digital Academy, Lakewood Digital Academy, or West Central Learning Academy.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Mr. Rick Barrett at (740) 533-6008.

Sincerely,

Mr. Rick Barrett
Principal