

August 23, 2010

Dear Parent:

According to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 all states must provide to the parents information on schools identified as needing improvement as indicated by Annual Yearly Progress (AYP). Cheraw Primary School was identified for Planning to Restructure, which means the school has been in school improvement for five consecutive years. The latest information available is from the 2009-2010 school year. For that year Cheraw Primary met 16 of the 17 objectives. The state of South Carolina met 35 out of 37 objectives. Cheraw did not make AYP in the following category: Mathematics objective for the category of African-American subgroup. The chart below shows a comparison of this school with other primary and elementary schools in the district.

School	Objectives Met
Cheraw Primary	16 out of 17
Cheraw Intermediate	20 out of 21
Edwards Elementary	17 out of 17
Plainview Elementary	13 out of 13
McBee Elementary	17 out of 17
Ruby Elementary	13 out of 13
Jefferson Elementary	17 out of 17
Petersburg Primary	13 out of 13
Pageland Elementary	21 out of 21

At Cheraw Primary parent involvement is essential to improving student achievement. Parents are encouraged to participate in academic planning by participating in family nights, the Title I planning team, attending conferences, communicating with teachers, and monitoring their student's study time and attendance at school.

Cheraw Primary has developed a school improvement plan which may be reviewed in the school office. A plan to restructure will also be developed. Cheraw Primary staff, faculty, parents, and community members with assistance of district administrators will develop a plan to restructure the school for the 2011-2012 school year.

Chesterfield County School District has developed a plan for improvement, is offering professional development opportunities in the areas of English Language Arts and mathematics, is providing the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment and the Dominie Reading Assessment to support the academic standards and assist with small group instruction, is providing a computer lab for students to work independently, is providing the support of a school improvement facilitator, and is offering the School Choice option, and supplemental educational services. Additionally, Chesterfield County School District will provide technical assistance to the school as the plan to restructure is developed as well as ensure that parents and community members are informed about the process and have opportunities to participate during the developing stage and give feedback on the restructuring plan before implementation.

If you have any questions concerning the Cheraw Primary School improvement status or the school's restructuring process, please contact Melisa Little, school principal, at 843-921-1020 or Candace Hoffman, District Title I Director at 843-623-5507.