



# FOREST PARK HIGH SCHOOL

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## PRIORITY SCHOOL PARENT NOTIFICATION

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

In December 2015, the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA), the replacement for the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* (commonly known as *No Child Left Behind*) was signed into law. In an effort to ensure parents of student who attend Title I schools are notified on how well their school is preparing its students for college and/or a career, our district mandates all schools inform parents of their College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI score). The comprehensive report card for all schools in Georgia, provides a score between 0 - 100 for each school-measuring how well the school is doing in preparing its students to be successful in college and/or a career.

**Forest Park High School's 2016 CCRPI score is 59.6. Detailed information about the score may be obtained from the Georgia Department of Education website [www.gadoe.org/ccrpi](http://www.gadoe.org/ccrpi).**

Despite the progress made by our students, Forest Park High School has been designated as a Priority School for the 2017-2018 school year. This designation is based on our school's performance over a number of consecutive years, and we keep this designation until our school meets the exit criteria for Priority School status.

**Forest Park High School has been designated a Priority School because our school because our graduation rate has been below 60% for 2 consecutive years.**

As a Priority school, we will work together with parents/guardians, our community, and the **Clayton County Public Schools**, to develop a school plan that delivers the necessary support to address the learning needs of our students and increase their academic success.

**For example, Forest Park High School has partnered with Communities in Schools, an organization that provides students with community support, while empowering the students with skills and resources to improve attendance, academics and the graduation rate. We have also added an At-Risk Counselor who will provide students with updates and options regarding career paths. He will also provide case**

**management for at-risk 9<sup>th</sup> grade students ensuring they are in compliance with their respective recovery plans. This is in addition to the various tutoring, support, and college and career readiness opportunities provided to students.**

An important part of **Forest Park High School's** success is parent participation and support in developing activities to improve student achievement. We hope that you will become engaged in our school improvement work as we continue to monitor student achievement and set high expectations. If you are interested in participating in the development of our school improvement plans, being a part of our family engagement team or have questions about how you can better help your child in school, please contact **Tina Mehler, Title I Community/Parent Liaison, at 770.473.2775, or [tina.mehler@clayton.k12.ga.us](mailto:tina.mehler@clayton.k12.ga.us).**

Thank you for all that you do to support your child's education.

Sincerely,

*Derrick C. Manning*

**Derrick C. Manning**, Principal  
Forest Park High School



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