



Binghamton City School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Binghamton City School District is committed to helping all schools reach high standards for student achievement and giving **all** children in every school a quality education. We are making progress, but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done. The New York State Education Department is required to identify schools in NY that are in need of improvement as required under federal No Child Left Behind legislation. Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School will continue to be identified as a Focus School through the 2016-2017 school year. Every effort is being made to provide the highest quality instructional program to best meet the needs of your child.

Our academic goals will continue to support those outlined by the Board of Education:

- To ensure all students have equal access to rigorous, high quality curriculum that is aligned to the Common Core Standards and delivered through challenging instruction;
- To ensure continuous improvement of administrators and teachers through performance evaluation;
- To create and implement communication methods that ensure families and the community are genuine partners;
- To ensure all students experience a safe and positive school climate that welcomes and actively engages all families;
- To align district resources in the attainment of high levels of student achievement and instructional excellence.

We are confident that the strategies and programs outlined in the school's improvement plan will result in successful experiences for your child. School Improvement Plans can be found on the school's web-site. We encourage you to review it.

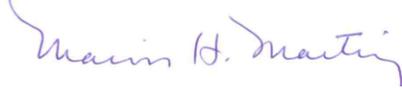
Parents are an integral part of ensuring their child's success in school. We ask that you support your child by making sure that she/he comes to school every day on time. We also invite you to participate in school activities. Stay in close contact with your child's school principal and teachers to monitor your child's academic progress.

If you would like information on how your school compares academically to other schools in the district, you can request a printed copy of the school's report card from your principal, view it online from the school's web-site, or access it directly from the NYSED website at <http://www.data.nysed.gov>.

Providing A Rich Environment for Quality Learning

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's Principal or the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Accountability Office at 762-8100 x220.

Sincerely,



Marion H. Martinez, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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