



Gary Community School Corporation

Doing What is Best for Students - Today - Tomorrow - Everyday

March 5, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In accordance with IC 20-31-9 this notice is to inform you of our school performance rating as issued by the Indiana Department of Education. The State Board has issued an unsatisfactory rating to Banneker, Bailly, and McCullough for the 2018-2019 school year. Due to covid-19, we are unable to hold a public hearing, however, your feedback is important to us and we plan to solicit testimony concerning the school's performance through the below link.

[Enter School Performance Rating Feedback](#)

Although our school district faces complex challenges for improvement, our school leadership is working together to revise the academic plan. The data shows that we are moving in the right direction. Working together we will shift resources, provide staff with professional development, and work with outside consultant teams to ensure that our staff and students are receiving the most up to date training. Our current initiatives for the 2020-2021 school year are below:

- We are in recruitment mode! We are recruiting great teachers, administrators and other faculty and staff who are ready to deliver the best educational experience for your child!
- The Coronavirus pandemic has taught us the importance of having an efficient e-learning program in place! This fall, every child grades K-12 will have access to a Chromebook laptop complete with internet access!
- Are you a fan of Fine Arts? The Theater and Orchestra programs continue to flourish at West Side Leadership Academy, and we want to add your talent to this amazing department!
- We are also spending an incredible amount of time revamping school schedules and our transportation plan. Please be sure to follow our website and social media sites for updates on school start times and bus schedules.
- Summer 2020 will be spent cleaning and sprucing up our buildings while facilitating training for our teachers and administration.
- Great plans are in store for the expansion of our athletic program at West Side Leadership Academy. With all of our athletic talent located at one high school, we are more focused than ever on skill development, intense competition, and WINNING.
- The Gary Area Career Center will boast more course offering so that our students can be exposed to diverse and unique career opportunities. The school schedule has been adjusted so that students will no longer have to choose! Receive your required educational instruction at WSLA and attend the Gary Area Career Center for additional career-focused programming.
- We are extremely proud of our parent outreach program led by our FACE (Family and Community Engagement) Liaisons! They ensure that our parents and families stay in the know.