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Dear Marshall Primary Parents:

What a wonderful time to be at Marshall Primary School! We have so many positive changes to be excited about and so many successes to celebrate. I would like to take this time to celebrate these areas of progress that our school and School Improvement Council have made in the goals and objectives of our School Renewal Plan.

Our school has shown substantial improvement during our District Achievement test in many areas. Our scores improved in first grade English Language Arts, first grade Mathematics, second grade English Language Arts, and second grade Mathematics. In addition, 98% of our first graders scored Met or Exemplary in both Science and Social Studies. Also, 99% of our second grade students scored Met or Exemplary in Social Studies, and 100% scored Met or Exemplary in Science. Our teachers and students' hard work has truly paid off.

In addition to our academic success, our school continues to make our students' social development a top priority. With an intentional focus on relationship building and the whole-child approach, this year we have seen a 49% decrease in classroom discipline referrals, as well as a 56% decrease in bus discipline referrals. With the implementation of our *Responsive Classroom* program school-wide, and a refreshed PBIS program, we have truly seen that positive behavior comes from positive relationships.

Because of this, we have seen improvements in other areas related to our school climate. Both student and teacher attendance improved in the 2013-2014 school year, and we are confident these measures will show continued improvement in the 2014-2015 school year. In addition, parent involvement specifically during our Super Stem Night and Literacy Night showed a significant increase. Our school continues to monitor our performance using National Standards of Parent/Family Involvement to nurture family-friendly schools for success, as well as Joyce Epstein's Framework of Six Types of Parent/Family Involvement.

We are thrilled with the positive changes that will take place in the 2015-2016 school year. This includes three full-day 4K classes that will be here at Marshall Primary School. What a wonderful opportunity for our students to get the early literacy and academic skills needed to begin their school journeys. We will also be offering a lower elementary Montessori classroom. This is a multi-age first and second grade class that will complement our primary Montessori classroom for our three, four, and five year old students. This means that our school now has a full track for Montessori choice within our school. We are excited about this opportunity.

Thank you for your continued support as we work hard to improve and provide your child with a world-class primary education that builds their foundation for the future.

Sincerely,

Jenifer B. Fleming