**Priority School Parent Notification**

American Way Middle School

3805 American Way

Memphis TN, 38118

August 30, 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are writing to inform you that American Way Middle School was identified as a Priority Schoolas required by ESSA and the U.S. Department of Education during the 2017-18 school year; and will therefore maintain that designation during the 2021-22 school year.

Our school is working hard with the district and the Tennessee Department of Education to increase student performance. An academic enrichment period has been added to the master schedule for all students. This period allows for the re-teaching of skills and standards, small group and/or one to one instruction, and interactive online learning designed to assess students and provide more individualized instruction based on each student’s unique needs. Our school staff will also work together diligently to meet the learning and behavioral needs of students while continuously building teacher capacity through ongoing professional development.

We encourage you to help by participating in the development and implementation of our school improvement plan and/or to get involved in our efforts to address our academic challenges. Parents assist by working with their students on schoolwork, attending parent conferences and parental involvement activities, reading our Week at Glance, flyers, and monthly calendars and making sure their children attend school daily. Also, we invite you to participate in the following opportunities that will be publicized on our upcoming monthly calendars and school’s website:

* Curriculum Nights to address Reading, Math, Social Studies, and Science improvement.
* Academic deficiencies meetings to address corrective actions needed in all subjects
* Parent/Teacher Conferences (district days)
* Muffins for Moms & Doughnuts for Dads
* Grandparents’ Luncheon
* Parent Chew & Chats to discuss your child’s data and ways you can help in the classroom and at home.
* Parental Workshops & Community Outreach Programs

Please let me know if you have any questions about our school’s efforts to improve or how parents can support those efforts. Thank you for all you do to support your child’s learning and American Way Middle School.

Sincerely yours,

 *Cedric Smith*

Mr. Cedric Smith, Principal