



# Global Learning Charter Public School

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Global Learning Charter Public School (GLCPS) has been identified for improvement in English language arts and mathematics for the aggregate under the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).

This designation means that we did not meet the NCLB test standards for two years and more work is needed by our school leaders, teachers and parents to ensure that all students are successful at GLCPS. Schools identified under NCLB become eligible for additional support from the state as they work together to improve teaching and learning, especially in English language arts and mathematics.

Last year, GLCPS administrators and teachers worked diligently to improve our educational program and prepare for this coming school year. We have made great progress and this year GLCPS will have the following in place:

1. We hired Academic Department Heads to oversee departmental curriculum and the supervision of teachers.
2. We added new teachers and 100% of our teaching staff are highly qualified in the subject(s) they teach. This means that all of our teachers have the educational background and credentials to meet the Federal NCLB guidelines.

Under the law, school districts must annually notify the parents/guardians of each student attending any Title I school that they may request information about the qualifications of their child's teacher and teachers:

- Whether your child's teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- The baccalaureate degree major of your child's teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field or discipline of the certification or degree.

- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Global Learning Charter Public School is committed to providing quality instruction for all students and does so by employing the most qualified individuals to teach and support each student in the classroom. If you would like to receive any of the information listed above about your child's teacher, please contact Adonis Ferreira, Director of Student, Family and Community Life at 508-991-4105.

3. We have a newly developed supervisory program for all teachers. This provides specific teaching standards, and schedules observations and evaluations, review of teaching materials, and examination of student work.
4. We developed a Scope and Sequence for our school, so that there are clear and consistent standards for every grade level and every academic class that aligns with the Massachusetts Frameworks.

The Scope and Sequence can be found on our website, so that our school community has immediate access to this information.

5. We are implementing a skills-based assessment and grading system, so that every student builds a strong foundation in every academic subject, prior to promotion. The new grading program also provides more opportunities for self-advocacy and individualized instruction.

During the school year, we will be holding information sessions about our improved curriculum and grading system for parents. Our first meeting will be held on our Back to School Night, September 2, 2010. We will post the other dates on our website: [www.glcps.org](http://www.glcps.org) for your information. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend at least one of these sessions.

6. We have scheduled monthly professional development programs for all instructional staff and have increased funds to provide significant educational training programs.
7. We established a summer academic enrichment and support component and will continue with our extended day skill-building program available to all students who have not achieved proficiency in English and/or mathematics.
8. We invite all families to join us as full partners in the education of their children. Students, parents, guardians, teachers, and administrators working together in a team approach will greatly support our goal for excellence in academic education.

We encourage you to become involved in helping us improve our school. Some of the ways you can become involved are;

- attending parent-teacher meetings and other special meetings,
- serving as a volunteer in our school,
- joining our Family Council, and
- encouraging other parents to become involved.

For more information on participating in the school improvement process, contact Mr. Adonis Ferreira, Director of Student, Family and Community Life at 508-991-4105.

Global Learning Charter Public School receives federal Title I funds; therefore, your child is eligible to attend another public school in the New Bedford School District that is not identified for improvement. If you choose to transfer your child, we will provide transportation for your child at no cost to you while Global Learning Charter Public School is identified for improvement.

We encourage you to contact our office at 508-991-4105 for more information on choosing an appropriate school for your child. If you would like to transfer your child to another school, please complete the form below and send it to Ljuba Marsh, Principal, by September 7, 2010.

Sincerely,



Dr. Stephen Furtado  
Director of Administration



Ljuba Marsh  
Principal

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\_\_\_\_\_ **YES**, I would like to transfer my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to another school.

\_\_\_\_\_ **NO**, I would like to remain at the school, and I would like to participate in the school improvement process.

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Name of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

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Date

Please return this form to Ljuba Marsh no later than September 7, 2010. If we do not hear from you by this date, we will assume that you would like your child to remain at Global Learning Charter Public School.