



Berea Middle School

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Middle School Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to reach out to our families to share all the positive things that is ongoing in Berea Middle School this first semester. Our staff and SBDM have committed to a three year plan to help transform and produce the highest level of education and social skill building available in this region. Our first year (22-23 school year) we focused on creating a school environment for learning as we worked on classroom expectations, student opportunities, treatment of peers, classroom engagement, and communication to students/families. We feel this reflected on our test scores as our student effort and consistency improved as the year went on and along with a decline in behavior referrals and positive student interactions.

The second year of the school plan, is centered around our instructional practice based on Kentucky standards through our new curriculums I-ready (Language Arts and Mathematics), OpenSciEd (Science), and History Alive (Social Studies). The goal for this year is to continue to work on our foundational school culture, student engagement, and student instruction through our new data supported curriculums for our four content areas. This rollover of our first year's accomplishments with the support of these resources are paying off and showing progress each and every day in school. The third year (24-25 school year) we look to advance all our previous year's positive changes and build toward a challenging and rigorous instructional system and the continuous carryover of needs that present themselves as we are constantly evaluating our daily procedures and areas of needed growth as a school.

We at Berea are developing a true caring and loving environment for learning and we need student and families help to communicate with us about their needs or concerns. We want to always address and support any negative impactful experience or educational barriers for each child. I and other administration are welcoming to any conversation that needs to be had to make your student feel supported. Finally, I will end with sharing several exciting programs and achievements we have seen over the last year and through this first semester. We appreciate you all!

Casey Poynter – Berea Middle School Principal

- Berea Middle exited Targeted School for Improvement based on KSA (state testing) academic growth.
- Berea Middle overall testing scores showed major growth over the last year and is rivalling Madison County middle schools for overall performance.
- Berea Middle is now a school of Sources of Strength as we implement this program to support positive relationship building and peer interactions.
- Berea Middle is establishing a Student Council for student voice and leadership for all students that want to take part in this committee.
- Berea Middle will continue our Satchel Pulse Screener (emotional screener) and Academic checkpoints through Iready for progress monitoring throughout the school year to identify student needs.
- Berea Middle will close our 1st semester with student recognition / awards for KSA growth, attendance, Iready growth, honor roll, student best effort, and positive student behaviors.



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