

**Notice of Adequate Yearly Progress, Public School Choice
Please Read: Important Information Affecting Your Child**

September 26, 2011

Dear Dauphin County Technical School Parent or Guardian,

I am writing to let you know that Dauphin County Technical School did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), based on **2010-2011** Pennsylvania System of State Assessment (PSSA) results.

Dauphin County Technical School's PSSA results indicate the following groups of students did not meet the state's academic achievement targets:

<u>Math</u>	<u>DCTS</u>	<u>STATE TARGET</u>
All Students	30.7%	67%
White (Non-Hispanic)	33.3%	67%
IEP	14.3	67%
Economic Disadvantaged	22.8%	67%

<u>Reading</u>	<u>DCTS</u>	<u>STATE TARGET</u>
All Students	42.2%	72%
White (Non-Hispanic)	41.9%	72%
Economic Disadvantaged	31.6%	72%

Overall, 17 percent of Pennsylvania schools did not make AYP based on **2009-2010**. Please be aware that 53.8 percent of the high schools in Dauphin County did not make AYP.

As a result of an in depth needs assessment, Dauphin County Technical School has identified the following areas as key strategies for instructional improvement:

- Collins Writing
- PLN (Literacy Strategies)
- Progress Monitoring
- Data Analysis

Please know that the staff at DCTS has a relationship with your child and want to continue serving your child all the way through to graduation. However, if you feel your child will be better served in your sending school district, you may request for your child to return to their sending district high school.

If you would like to request that your child be transferred back to their home district high school, please contact the Guidance Office at Dauphin County Technical School. The guidance staff will assist you with the appropriate procedure.

Parent support is essential to the success of DCTS. Communicating with your child's teachers, making sure your child attends school regularly, helping your child with homework, monitoring your child's television time, and participating in school decision-making are

important. The administration and staff encourage you to contact the school with concerns or questions.

The many successes at DCTS cannot be measured in one test and we appreciate your continued support. Because DCTS is a comprehensive vocational school, our students also take the NOCTI (National Occupational Testing Institute) exam as a completer for their specific career and technical program. 82% of our students in the graduating class for the 2010-11 school year scored competent (proficient) or advanced on the NOCTI. Additionally, our administration and staff continue to provide a school culture which is safe, caring, and supports respect for all members of our school community.

We must admit, however, that if ALL of our students are not doing well, we are not as good as we can be. That is our challenge, our goal and our commitment. Please continue to work with us to make sure that we achieve success for every student.

Sincerely,

Dr. Peggy Grimm
Principal