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PARENT NOTIFICATION LETTER FOR OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Notice of Opportunity Scholarships Please Read: Important Information Affecting Your Child

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Dear Clairton City School District Parent or Guardian,

The Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program (OSTCP) was created pursuant to Act 85 of 2012 (72 P.S. §1701-G.1, *et seq.*). This program enables eligible students residing within the boundaries of a low-achieving school to apply for a scholarship to attend a participating public or nonpublic school. A low-achieving school is defined as a public elementary or secondary school ranking in the bottom 15 percent of its designation as an elementary or secondary school. This ranking is based upon the combined math and reading scores from the previous school year's PASA/PSSA and/or Keystone exams.

The scholarships are funded by businesses that make contributions to scholarship organizations in exchange for a tax credit. The number of scholarships available to parents depends on the amount of contributions made by businesses.

Clairton City School District is on the list of the bottom 15 percent for combined performance on the math/algebra 1 and reading/literature tests on the 2015 PASA/PSSA and/or Keystone exams.

Opportunity scholarships will be awarded by approved opportunity scholarship organizations, not the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). The list of opportunity scholarship organizations is available on DCED's website, www.newpa.com/ostc. This link provides specific instructions on how to contact approved opportunity scholarship organizations. Additional information is available on our school district's website www.ccsdbears.org and on the Pennsylvania Department of Education's website at www.education.state.pa.us.

Sincerely,

Superintendent

Enclosures: Additional OSTCP Information

The Clairton City School District is an equal opportunity education institution and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, handicap, or limited English proficiency in its activities, programs, or employment practices as required by the PA Human Relations Act, Title IX, and Section 504. For information regarding civil rights or grievance procedures, contact Debra A Maurizio, Title IX Coordinator, and Section 504 Coordinator at the Administration Building, 502 Mitchell Avenue, Clairton, Pa 15025 (412) 233-7090 ext. 2300. The Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission website is www.phrc.state.pa.us.