

# BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian

As the 2012-13 school year draws to a close I want to thank you, on behalf of Baltimore City Public Schools (City Schools), for all that you do to support your student and your school community. The contributions of parents and families to school communities are essential to our overall efforts to ensure that all City Schools students experience the best teaching and learning possible—in every classroom, in every school.

I also have some important news to share with you about your school for the coming school year. Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Maryland recognizes Title I schools that (a) are among the highest performing Title I schools in the state or (b) have demonstrated the largest amount of progress over time.

### ***Highest Performing Reward Schools***

Title I schools that have met performance standards for all students and subgroups for two straight years and have achievement gaps between student subgroups and the larger student population that are smaller than 10 percent are recognized as “highest performing reward schools.” Those highest performing reward schools that fall within the top 10 percent of Title I schools and show the greatest improvement in student performance on Maryland School Assessments (MSAs) are designated “distinguished highest performing reward schools.” Additionally, those highest performing reward schools that improved their MSA scores and have 50 percent or more students who are economically disadvantaged are recognized as “superlative highest performing reward schools.”

### ***Highest Progress Reward Schools***

Maryland is committed not only to rewarding achievement but also to recognizing progress, so its reward school category also includes Title I schools that showed improvement, but whose students did not all meet performance standards. Schools that met certain progress targets and had achievement gaps smaller than 10 percent are recognized as “highest progress reward schools.” It is important to note that these designations were made using 2011-12 school data and are for the 2012-13 school year.

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that Charles Carroll Barrister Elementary School is a 2012-13 Highest Progress Title I reward school. It is a model for all schools, and as a critical member of your school community, I hope you take great pride in your hard work and stay involved in your child’s education and continue to support the achievement of all students in your school. To learn more about how you can be involved, please contact your child’s principal. And again, thank you for your commitment and dedication to our schools!

Sincerely,



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