



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HARRISBURG

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Dear Ben Franklin Parents/Guardians:

Re: Notice of Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program

Why am I receiving this notification?

This notification was mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education because Ben Franklin School did not meet the required achievement goals on state assessments in the combined Mathematics/Algebra and Reading/Literature scores on the 2018-2019 exams (PSSA and/or Keystone). Your student(s) is entitled to apply for a scholarship provided by businesses and distributed by organizations that are posted on the website of the Department of Community and Economic Development ("DCED"). This fund, if available, can be used to pay tuition for your student to attend another school that is admitting students through this program.

How do I get more information?

Neither the Department of Education nor the Harrisburg School District are managing this program. Refer to the following website for further information at: www.newpa.com/ostc

Background Information

The Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program ("OSTC") 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 identified schools, to apply for a scholarship to attend a participating public or nonpublic school.

The scholarships are funded by businesses that make contributions to scholarship organizations in exchange for a tax credit. The amount of scholarships available to students is contingent upon the contributions made by businesses. Opportunity scholarships will be awarded by approved opportunity scholarship organizations, not 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.

Approved opportunity scholarship organizations will provide details regarding their application process. Parents should work through the approved opportunity scholarship organizations, not DCED, or the Harrisburg School District to participate in this program.

Information is available on the Pennsylvania Department of Education's website <http://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Opportunity%20Scholarship%20Tax%20Credit%20Program/Pages/default.aspx#tab-1> .

Sincerely,

Will Towson
Principal