



# Harrisburg City School District

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## Parent Notification of Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program

*Please Read: Important Information Affecting Your Child*

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

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 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 based on the combined math and reading scores on the most recent PSSA results available on the Pennsylvania Department of Education's (PDE) website.

The scholarships are funded by businesses that make contributions to scholarships organizations in exchange for a tax credit. The amount of scholarships available to students is contingent upon the contributions made by businesses.

Downey School is on the list of the bottom 15 percent for performance on the combined math and reading tests on the 2011 PSSA.

Opportunity scholarships will be awarded by approved opportunity scholarship organizations, not the Department of Community and Economic Development. The list of opportunity scholarship organizations is available on DCED's website, [www.newpa.com/ostc](http://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, to participate in this program.

Additionally, information is also available on the Harrisburg School District website at [www.hbgds.k12.pa.us](http://www.hbgds.k12.pa.us)

Sincerely,

Dr. Sybil Knight-Burney  
Superintendent

Enclosures: Additional Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program Information

Adjunto se encuentra un documento que contiene información importante de la escuela de su hijo. Por favor solicite que le traduzcan esta información tan pronto como sea posible. Muchas gracias.

Kèm theo đây là giấy tờ bao gồm các chi tiết quan trọng về nhà trường của con em quý vị. Xin đưa những chi tiết này cho người nào đó thông dịch cho quý vị hiểu càng sớm càng tốt. Cảm ơn.