CENTRAL CITY CYBERSCHOOL OF MILWAUKEE

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Dear Cyberschool Parents,

Welcome back for the 2006-07 academic year. The Cyberschool staff is excited to be back, and we are committed to increasing your child's academic performance. This year we will continue to implement the *Open Court* literacy program for students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. Similarly, in mathematics, we continue to implement Everyday Mathematics in grades K-6, and Connected Math in grades 7-8. These are highly rated, research-based curricula and we encourage you to visit our classrooms anytime to learn more about how to support your child's learning at home.

Also, the Cyberschool was funded to continue to operate our extended day program. This before- and after-school 21st Century Community Learning Center (CLC) provides Cyberschool students with academic enrichment, including tutoring and homework help, and academic intervention, as well as youth development activities such as arts & crafts, vocabulary enrichment, keyboarding, recreation, and technology programs designed to improve student achievement. Our CLC program supports classroom-based efforts with a strong academic focus, designed to meet the needs of students who are most at risk of academic and/or social failure.

We are excited to be able to report that in 2005-06, the Cyberschool MET Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as determined by the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. A full 71% of our students scored "proficient" or "advanced" on the annual state assessment in reading. The State objective is 67.5%. In mathematics, 44% of our students scored "proficient" or "Advanced", and the State objective is 47.5%. Congratulations to all of our students who scored so well! However, we still have more work to do. You should know that the Cyberschool remains on the State of Wisconsin's list of Schools Identified For Improvement (SIFI) in reading because we must meet AYP for two consecutive years in order to be removed. As always, the Cyberschool is a school of choice for you, and as a result, you have the ability to transfer your child to another school at any time. Also, some of our students are eligible to enroll in supplemental educational services (SES). Attached is a current list of state-approved supplemental educational service providers. If you are interested in enrolling your child in a SES, if you need further information, or if you would like assistance in choosing a provider, please let us know.

Finally, please be assured that the Cyberschool staff is working hard to insure that your child is learning up to his/her potential everyday. You can help too. Please make sure your child is at school everyday, on time, ready to learn. Identify and enforce an appropriate bedtime for your child, so that s/he is well rested and alert in school everyday. Enroll your child in our CLC after school program so that s/he can take advantage of the tutoring and homework help that is available. Working together, we will make this a successful school year for all.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christine J. Faltz Executive Director