

**Public School Choice Information
Lee Burneson Middle School
Total Enrollment – 662 Students**

Public School Choice Letter:

August 21, 2008

Dear Parents:

We are pleased to inform you that Lee Burneson Middle School students continue to achieve at a high standard as evidenced by this year's state achievement test results. In fact, our school has been designated by the state as "Excellent with Distinction." As you can see on the chart below, Lee Burneson Middle School met all subject area indicators. In fact, our eighth grade social studies score improved by 13% over the prior school year. Our students and staff are to be commended on the hard work that resulted in such fine scores.

Gr. 7 Reading	90.3%	Gr. 8 Reading	94.7%
Gr. 7 Math	87.3%	Gr. 8 Math	92.1%
Gr. 7 Writing	93.2%	Gr. 8 Social St.	83.2%
		Gr. 8 Science	87.3%

In our efforts to continually improve we aspire to have 100% passage in all tested areas. To target improvement efforts it is important that, in addition to looking at the whole grade-level's achievement, we look at sub-groups of students. We have been working over the past several years to attain higher achievement with our special education sub-group. Because we fell short of our target with this group of students for the second consecutive year in 2006-2007 Lee Burneson Middle School was listed as not meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in reading last school year. For that reason, the school was placed in "School Improvement Status". School Improvement means a school did not meet Ohio's goals for each sub-group in reading for two years or more. However, we are happy to report this spring students made substantial progress and met adequate yearly progress criteria. The measure was met based on a "safe harbor" provision that recognizes significant improvement. This is the result of very hard work on the part of students and staff. We will need to maintain AYP in order for our "School Improvement" status to be removed. Our local report card can be viewed at [<http://www.ode.state.oh.us/reportcard>]. You can use this web site to see how well Lee

Burneson Middle School did when compared with other schools. If you cannot access this web site, please contact me and I will be happy to provide you with this data.

In addition to this plan, another option available to parents is public school choice within the district if there are other buildings in the grade band, or out of district if there is not an alternate building choice. **These options have been reasonably explored, and neither is feasible.** However, we are confident that our commitment to superior instruction, assessment and intervention will continue to yield positive results.

Public School Choice Information:

Number of students eligible for Public School Choice in 2007-2008 – 672

Number of students eligible for Public School Choice in 2008-2009 – 662

Available Schools: None in District

Surrounding Districts:

Bay Village

Rocky River

North Olmsted