



# DISTRICT 186

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

October 16, 2017

Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

At the end of the school year, we will be having a Moving Up Ceremony for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. At this ceremony, awards and promotion certificates will be handed out. **This is not a graduation, but a time to celebrate the accomplishments of middle school.**

Our Moving Up Ceremony will be dedicated to those students who have worked hard to maintain good grades and pass **ALL CORE CLASSES** throughout the year, in which the status of promotion is granted.

The requirements for Promotion are as follows:

- Promotion at the middle school level is based on semester grades. A passing grade in middle school is a D or better.
- Semester grades are a cumulative average of first and second quarter grades as well as third and fourth quarter grades.
- District 186's current Board of Education Promotion Policy states that students must pass all core subjects.

If your student fulfills these requirements, you will receive a personal invitation in the mail for the ceremony. We want to make sure our families and students are informed of these requirements.

Attendance is one of the single most important factors in student success. It helps students stay current with the curriculum, improve skills and not fall behind. We appreciate your efforts of ensuring your child gets to school everyday.

If you have any questions throughout the year regarding your child's grades, please contact their guidance dean at 217-525-3236.

Sincerely,

Nichole Heyen- School Principal

Serita Lott- Guidance Dean