



## 5 Schools in Status, Superintendent Says it's a District Problem

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PLAINFIELD, NJ - The message from Interim Superintendent Dr. Ronald Bolandi at Tuesday's Plainfield Board of Education meeting was that it's a district problem. There are five schools, including Cedarbrook, Cook Elementary, Hubbard and Maxson middle schools, and Plainfield High School, that are now in status, and the superintendent urged people to blame the district, not a particular school.

Bolandi said the state will provide funding, adding, "This is a district problem. We, for the first time, have decided to say this is a district problem, even though we have five schools in status. This is not only a five-school problem, and we need to develop plans that reflect what our district is doing."

He reviewed a presentation that included common district threads, including :

- Over 70% of students are reading below grade level
- District changes in leadership, and budget issues
- Alignment of general education, special education, bilingual education and enrichment materials and resources
- Scheduling and program offerings (i.e. electives, clubs, STEAM)

In a letter to parents and families, Bolandi said, "The district will build plans with specific student goals, action steps and timelines for improvement. It will take approximately one month to develop the plans. We will share these plans and seek your input at a meeting to be held on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Plainfield High School auditorium. After the general session, there will be breakout sessions for each school where the principal will answer specific questions that you may have regarding the plan for your child's school."

Breakout sessions will be held as follows:

- Cedarbrook School, Room 124, with Mark Williams
- Cook Elementary School, auditorium, with Dr. Caryn Cooper
- Hubbard Middle School, Room 130, with Kwame Asante
- Maxson Middle School, Room 132, with Kevin Stansbury
- Plainfield High School, Room 134, with Dion Roach