



**BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

“to enable all students to succeed in a changing world”

September 25, 2009

Dear BASH Parents/Guardians:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you regarding the performance of BASH students as required through the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) exams. PSSA reading and math exams are taken by students in grades 3 – 8 and 11 each spring.

Students currently in grade 12 took the PSSA reading and math exams in March 2009. The overall student performance exceeded all state requirements. Two identified student subgroups – students with special education needs and students who are economically disadvantaged – did not meet the state required performance/progress levels.

A group of teachers and administrators are currently developing a School Improvement Plan which details the strategies in place to assist students in these subgroups to increase their performance on future PSSA exams. This group is being assisted by district administration and consultation provided by staff from the Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU). The content of this plan will be reviewed at an upcoming school board meeting and will be available on our district website.

Our school staff is confident we are implementing research-based programs and strategies that allow students to be successful at BASH.

We are committed to ensuring that all BASH students have the supports and resources in place to maximize their achievement.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this information or if you would like to provide input on the development of our plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brett A. Cooper".

Brett A. Cooper  
Principal