



James Rhoads School  
4901 Parrish St.  
Philadelphia, PA 19139

Dear Parents and Families of James Rhoads Elementary School,

Since being named a System of Great Schools (SGS) school in October, we have been gathering information from our entire school community on how we can improve James Rhoads. As a part of this SGS process, Cambridge Education conducted a school quality review and Temple University hosted meetings to hear from students, parents, families, teachers, and community members.

I am writing to share with you that the final reports written by Cambridge Education and Temple University are now available at the school and online at

**[www.philasd.org/greatschools/investmentsandinterventions/rhoadsschool](http://www.philasd.org/greatschools/investmentsandinterventions/rhoadsschool)**

We would like to thank everyone who participated and showed us support throughout this process. Your feedback and time was much appreciated. As a school, our Vision is to provide students with a world-class learning environment where children become lifelong learners to positively impact not only their future, but also the future of their families and community.

We will continue to provide opportunities for us to work collaboratively on behalf of the students here at James Rhoads. Since our last meeting, several parents have completed the Parent Volunteer Training and will be supporting our efforts during morning admission, dismissal and throughout the school day to provide students with a safe positive learning environment. In the near future, please look for correspondence in regard to the following upcoming events: Parent Literacy and Math Night; SAC Meetings; Parent Volunteer Training; and Parent Café.

Information from the reports and the latest school performance data is being used to determine what additional supports are needed to improve James Rhoads. In early February, we will come together as a school community to talk about school improvements, investments and supports.

Thank you for your continued commitment.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kelly Parker  
Principal

Ms. Davis-Bowie  
Assistant Superintendent