

September 25, 2009

Dear Parent,

As we begin this school year, greetings from the school district office. Ongoing communication with parents throughout the year is essential and the issue explained below is one we must bring to your attention. Be assured we will be available to answer your questions on this and any issues during the school year.

The Kentucky Department of Education has notified us that we must send this notification letter because federal law requires all parents to be notified that our school district has been identified for "improvement" under the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)*. School districts must annually meet certain targets in reading and mathematics, as determined from our state's Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS) test, in order to make adequate yearly progress (AYP) for federal purposes. Our district made **84.6** percent of its federal targets and needs to improve on the following federal targets: **Reading and Math for Children with Disabilities.**

Under the federal law, a district that does not meet adequate yearly progress for two years in a row in the same content area is identified for "improvement". When a district is identified for "improvement", it is required to revise its comprehensive district improvement plan. We assure you that our plan will be revised to improve student achievement throughout the district and will identify actions that will have the greatest likelihood of meeting our federal goals. The actions will include strategies to promote effective parental involvement in the schools served by the district. We want you to become involved in your child's school and become an active partner with teachers in educating your children and implementing our improvement plan.

If you have any questions about what the district is doing to improve teaching and learning, please feel free to contact Alan Lossner at 270.639.0103.

Again, we want ongoing communication with you throughout the year. Please contact us on this issue or any others about which you have concern or suggestions for improvement.

Sincerely,

Dr. James Kemp
Superintendent