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Dear Parent/Guardian of student(s) attending Salem Hills Elementary School,

The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requires that all schools in the nation make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) toward achieving the goal of all students being proficient in reading and math. As you may be aware, Salem Hills Elementary School has been designated as a school in School Choice due to not making AYP for 2 years.

Did our students meet the proficiency targets set by the State in reading and math?

The following table provides the MCA-II and attendance results for all groups of students:

Student Group	Math Yes or No	Reading Yes or No	Attendance Yes or No
All students	Yes	Yes	Yes
American Indian/Alaskan Native	NA	NA	NA
Asian/Pacific Islander	NA	NA	NA
Black, not of Hispanic origin	NA	NA	Yes
Free and Reduced Price Lunch	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hispanic	Yes	Yes	Yes
Limited English Proficient (ELL)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Special Education	No	Yes	Yes
White, not of Hispanic origin	Yes	Yes	Yes

To review how our neighboring districts and other schools around the state are performing please refer to the Minnesota Department of Education's Website, School Report Cards, <http://education.state.mn.us/ReportCard2005/index.do>. Additional information can be found on the Salem Hills Elementary Website, <http://www.invergrove.k12.mn.us/salemhills.html>. If you have questions please contact me directly at (651) 306-7301.

The information below includes the actions we are taking based upon our School Choice status:

1. Response to Intervention (RtI) in reading for students in grades K-3.
2. Scheduled daily intervention time for students in math and reading.
3. AIMSweb progress monitoring in reading in grades K-3.
4. Implementation of a new reading/writing curriculum for students in grades K-5.
5. Orton-Gillingham instructional strategy training in reading for many classroom and all special education teachers working with grades K-5.
6. Implementation of Tier II and III evidence based intervention curriculums in both reading and math.
7. Increased use of Compass Learning to support student learning.
8. Dynamic Reporting Suites for Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) district wide.

9. A school improvement plan will be created to address the concerns identified by the most recent federal tests.
10. Instructional Reading Specialist to provide additional professional development for teachers.
11. Professional Learning Communities for teachers in the areas of reading and math.
12. Increased use of Pre-AP strategies to prepare all students for Advanced Placement courses at the high school level.

What does this mean for your child?

• **Transfer to Another Public School in the District:**

You may choose to transfer your child to a school within our district not identified for improvement (Pine Bend Elementary School). The district will provide free transportation as long as Salem Hills Elementary School remains in need of improvement. **If you would like to transfer your student for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year to Pine Bend Elementary School, please contact Marissa Wytaske in the District Placement Office at (651) 306-7825.** She will assist you in completing the required forms and paperwork.

Normally, AYP determinations are released during the summer to allow parents to make decisions about school choice before the school year begins. Unfortunately, the state government shutdown delayed this year's release of AYP into the school year. In order to avoid major disruption to students' academic progress, students wanting to transfer to a new school under NCLB will have to wait until December 5 to start a new school. Parents have 14 calendar days following the receipt of this letter to request a transfer. If you request a transfer, you will be notified by November 14, 2011.

Please keep in mind that as the AYP targets increase toward 100 percent in 2014, fewer schools will be valid school choice options. Because the law does not allow a district to use capacity as a reason not to transfer a student to a school, the few schools that will be left making AYP in future years will face serious capacity issues if parents continue to transfer their children under NCLB. Furthermore, if your child transfers to another school and that school is subsequently identified for improvement by not making AYP, the district can no longer provide free transportation to that school.

Parental support is essential to the success of Salem Hills Elementary School. The school parent involvement plan will be updated. If you are interested in providing input on this plan or the school improvement plan, please call Miriam Freidson, District Title I Coordinator, after October 31 at (651) 306-7428. In addition, Salem Hills Elementary School will have its annual meeting to inform parents about our Title I program, revise the parent involvement plan, parent/teacher compact and review parent rights under Title I. This meeting is scheduled for April 2012. You can also be involved by volunteering at the school or participating on one of the school improvement committees.

If you have any questions about the *No Child Left Behind Act* or Adequate Yearly Progress, feel free to contact me at (651) 306-7301.

Sincerely,



Tina Willette
Associate Principal

Si necesita esta información en español por favor llama a 651-306-7437.