

September 15, 2008

Dear Parents or Guardian:

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, McGregor School has been designated as a district in need of improvement.

Not making AYP for a district is determined by aggregating the results of academic achievement measures in reading/language arts and mathematics, student participation rates in these assessments, graduation rates, and for elementary through the grade 8 attendance rates. Many times tested subgroups are not large enough to meet the minimum group size at an individual school level. However, when all of the data is compiled into one report at the district level the number will, in many cases, reach or surpass the minimum group size at the district level, and thus, possibly identify the district as not making adequate yearly progress even though no individual building in the district has been identified.

Our district did not make AYP in two categories. These categories are special education math and the FRP math areas. A district improvement team has been meeting and analyzing all available assessment information to pinpoint strengths and challenges that will be addressed through professional development and a review of the curriculum. If you have any questions about these developments please call me at 768-2111 x 226.

Sincerely,

Paul Grams
Superintendent
McGregor School