

CRYSTAL CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1100 Mississippi Avenue

ROBERT J. LINDERER
1100 MISSISSIPPI AVENUE
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
636-937-2005 FAX 636-937-2075

CRYSTAL CITY, MISSOURI 63019
RONALD D. SWAFFORD, Superintendent of Schools
Telephone: 636-937-4411 Fax: 636-937-2512

KIM WEIK
600 MISSISSIPPI AVENUE
ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL
636-937-4017 FAX 636-937-2229

August 3, 2011

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The goal of the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) of 2001 is to ensure that all children in this country receive a quality education. Under NCLB, each state is required to assess all schools to determine if each school has made adequate yearly progress (AYP) toward meeting the academic testing standards and additional measures set by the state. AYP decisions are based on the results of state testing in communication arts and math and the school's attendance rate or graduation rate. If the school has not made AYP for two consecutive years, it is considered "in need of improvement."

Based on the results of the 2010-2011 academic testing in communication arts your child's school Crystal Elementary did not make adequate yearly progress for the following reasons:

Crystal City Elementary has continued to make positive progress in communication arts during the last three years. Our percentage of students in advanced and proficient range on the Missouri Assessment Program in 2008 was 42%, in 2009 was 49%, in 2010 was 51.8% and in 2011 was 50.8%. However, despite the positive growth, the annual proficiency target set by the state, for 2011 was 75.5%. This percentage will continue to increase until 2014 when the federal government under NCLB state that all students should be 100% proficient and advance. We did not meet these criteria.

Our student population is divided into subgroups by the state. Each of these subgroups must meet the proficiency target in order for our school total to reflect the state annual proficiency target. We did meet this target in our subgroups.

Because of this designation, the school is considered to be in Level 3 of School Improvement and must develop a plan for improvement. One important component of this plan will be parent involvement in both the development and implementation of the plan. Another component of this plan is to provide supplemental educational services (academic after-school tutoring). More information will be provided as the school year begins.

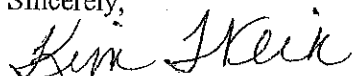
School Choice is not an option due to Crystal City Elementary is a single attendance centers (no other elementary with the same grade span); therefore, we cannot offer the School Choice option.

Information about public school choice will also be available on the district's website at www.crystal.k12.mo.us. This information will be updated periodically and toward the end of the school year.

We encourage you to become involved with your child's school to support school improvement.

You may do this by reading with or to your child daily, checking your child's homework, keeping in close contact with your child's teacher, and volunteering at the school. Please watch for upcoming opportunities to become involved in the near future. I am looking forward to hearing your ideas to create a school plan for success.

Sincerely,



Kim Weik