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Dear Parents or Guardians:

Under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, all children in this country receive a quality education. Under the NCLB Act, 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 set by the state. Based upon preliminary AYP calculations, Crystal City's 2010-2011 District Improvement status is District Improvement Level 3.

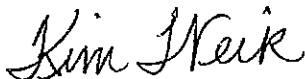
Crystal City Elementary and Junior High have continued to make positive progress in communication arts during the past three years. Our percentage of students in advanced and proficient range on the Missouri Assessment Program in 2008 was 42%, in 2009 was 49%, in 2010 was 51.8%, and in 2011 was 50.8%. 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 at 100% proficient and advance. We did not meet this 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 not meet this target in our subgroups.

Because of the designation, the school must continue a plan for improvement. One important component of this plan will be parent involvement in both 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.

We encourage you to become involved with our school to support school improvement for the benefit of our children. It is through home and school partnerships that we will be successful. 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.

Respectfully,



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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Under the federal *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) OF 2001, each state is required to assess all school districts to determine if each district 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 district's attendance rate and graduation rate.

Based upon AYP calculations, Crystal City's 2010-2011 District Improvement status is District Improvement Level 3.


This designation requires us to continue to strive for high standards in all academic areas. Crystal City School District has continued to make positive progress toward our goals for high student achievement.

Because of this designation, the district will revise the plan for continued improvement. One important component of this plan will be parent involvement in both the development and implementation of the plan.

You can also help by increasing your understanding of the assessment, understanding the importance of good attendance and graduating from school, visiting schools and becoming a volunteer, and engaging in reading and math strategies at home.

Information about *No Child Left Behind* and what parents can do to improve student achievement can be found at: <http://www.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml>.

Sincerely,



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