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Dear Parent:

Recent federal education legislation under the name "No Child Left Behind" (NCLB) is designed to ensure that all children have the opportunity to reach high state academic standards. To help parents stay informed about their school, NCLB requires schools to describe success in terms of student achievement on state academic tests (given in grades 4, 8, and 12) and to inform parents regarding the results of these tests.

Each school's test results are examined to determine whether of not Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) has been made toward achieving the state's high academic achievement standards. The primary indicator for measuring a school's Adequate Yearly Progress is student performance in reading and mathematics. Student performance is reported two ways: (1) as a composite score representing all students and as (2) scores broken down into selected student subgroups. A school's student performance rate is reported as the percentage (%) of students within the school that score "proficient" and "advanced proficient" on the North Dakota State Assessment in both reading and math. To make Adequate Yearly Progress, a school must have a certain percentage of students who score in the "proficient" and "advanced" level on the state test. The goal of NCLB is to have all students score in the "proficient" or "advanced" levels by the year 2014. The secondary indicator for measuring a school's Adequate Yearly Progress is student attendance rates for elementary and middle schools or student graduation rates for the high school.

On the other link on this site, you will find our school's Adequate Yearly Progress Report. Our school is making Adequate Yearly Progress and we have NOT been identified as needing improvement. Please review the report, which indicates that our school made Adequate Yearly Progress. We believe our success had a great deal to do with the community and your parental support. Because we want to sustain these strong partnerships, as well as continue to make Adequate Yearly Progress, we are asking for your continued involvement in our school and in your child's education. Your participation and support has a major impact on our state assessment results and will ensure your child's academic success.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about Adequate Yearly Progress and/or "No Child Left Behind." I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Frank Schill, Principal
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