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This letter serves as notice to the patrons of the Weiser School District regarding the district's progress on statewide student assessments and Adequate Yearly Progress as required by the federal No Child Left Behind laws.

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Dear Weiser School District Patrons,

Welcome to a new school year. This letter details the Weiser School District's progress toward state Reading and Mathematical goals and reviews options available to some students.

Each year, all Idaho districts are required to reach goals in Reading, Mathematics, and Language Arts. Districts must meet the proficiency targets in 41 different areas within these subjects. The full report is available from the Office of the Board of Education at <http://apps.sde.idaho.gov/ayp>. Results for the Weiser district and each building can be found on the district website at www.weiserschools.org.

The Weiser School District is in *School Improvement Year 4 in Math and School Improvement Year 2 in Reading* for failing to meet two of the 41 identified targets. Our Limited English Proficient students did not meet the academic target in Math and Students with Disabilities did not meet the target in Reading. In keeping with the No Child Left Behind [NCLB] law, the Weiser School District may have education options available for individual students. Feel free to consult the District Superintendent on these options.

Districts do not take missing any goal lightly. The district is committed to using the best strategies to help individual students. The goal is for all students to be successful. To that end, our school district has been providing strategies to help children who struggle to improve, such as:

- *Providing an After School Program that provides academic support and social activities for any interested students in grades 2-10.*
- *Providing focused instruction and intervention strategies for low achieving students within the regular school day using pull-out programs and technology.*
- *Providing summer schools for both elementary and secondary students.*

There are many ways that you can be involved in helping us address the issues around District Improvement. Below are some ways local patrons can become involved:

- *Make sure your child comes to school rested, ready to learn, and completes their homework every evening.*
- *Have a routine that includes uninterrupted reading time and homework time.*
- *Volunteer at your child's school to listen to children read.*
- *Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences when scheduled, and contact your student's teachers on a regular basis.*
- *Participate in Parent Nights hosted by the different district buildings.*
- *Join the Pioneer PTO or Park School Parent Involvement Committee.*

Thank you for your time, interest, and attention on this issue.

Jim Reed, Superintendent