

**Parent Notification Letter
School Improvement (SI) Parent Option Letter –Year 2 and Beyond**

August 24, 2009

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

In January 2002, the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB), was signed into law to improve educational opportunities for all children attending a Title I school. This federally funded program provides assistance to schools serving students who are at risk for academic failure. This legislation supports the school district’s efforts to provide a strong standards-based educational program for students along with accountability for student achievement.

Ira H. Hayes High School operates a Title I program. NCLB requires that all Title I schools make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in all indicators for two consecutive years. Parents of children attending Title I schools that have not made AYP have option of free tutoring from an approved Supplemental Educational Service Provider.

The table below details the AYP determination for our school.

AYP Determination	Yes or No
Met 95% Percent Tested in Math?	No
Met 95% Percent Tested in Reading?	Yes
Met Annual Measurable Objectives in Math?	NE
Met Annual Measurable Objectives in Reading?	No
Met 90% K-8 Attendance Rate?	NA
Met 71 % High School Graduation Rate or Increased 1 % from Previous Year?	No

As a result of the above, our school is currently identified to be in Year 4 Planning for Restructuring of Title I School Improvement.

The following chart provides a comparison of our school to other elementary or secondary schools in the district and in the State as required by NCLB.

Grade	My School	My District	My School	My District	Arizona Schools	
	% Proficient in Math	% Proficient in Math	% Proficient in Reading	% Proficient in Reading	% Proficient in Math	% Proficient in Reading
10	8%	8%	25%	25%	29%	41%

Due to our school’s Title I School Improvement designation, your child may be eligible to attend a school that is NOT identified for Title I School Improvement and the district will pay for transportation **or** your child may receive free tutoring from an approved Supplemental Educational Service Provider.

Please note the number of students eligible to transfer is limited by the amount of funds available to pay for transportation costs. If funds are not sufficient, lowest-achieving students from low-income families must be given priority.

Since Ira H. Hayes High School is the only school served by this district we do not provide transportation. If you would like to see the AYP determinations of other schools in Arizona, visit: <http://www.ade.az.gov/profile/publicview/aypdistrictlist.asp?Year=2009>

Please contact Maria De La Torre-Cheatham at 520-315-5100 should you need assistance.

Parents may request free tutoring from an approved Supplemental Educational Service Provider in place of transferring their child to another school. A list of approved tutoring programs and a description of their services is enclosed. These providers have been approved by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) and will provide your child with free tutoring that is coordinated with your child's instructional program. Please complete the attached form to request free tutoring for your child by October 12, 2009.

We have been working with the ADE to revise the Arizona School Improvement Plan for our school. In order to address the indicators of not making AYP, the district and ADE are assisting our school in:

- *Providing support in funding for professional development.*
- *Our ASIP targets the weak areas of the School and District.*

The school is implementing the following strategies to address the indicator(s) of not making AYP:

- *Provide classes specifically geared towards AIMS.*

We encourage you to become involved by participating in the development of the Arizona School Improvement Plan. Please contact Richard Stoner at 520-315-5100, if you are interested in being part of a committee or would like more information on our school. As a reminder, our Title I annual meeting will be held on September 16, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. at Ira H. Hayes High School and our instructional staff will be available to answer questions.

Educationally yours,

Richard Stoner
School Principal

Maria De La Torre-Cheatham
Federal Programs Coordinator

Enclosures

List of approved Supplemental Educational Service Providers with a brief description of services
Parent request for tutoring