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November 5, 2015

Dear Parents:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that according to 2014-2015 state student assessment results Lewis and Clark Elementary is in Year 2 of Title I School Improvement for the 2014-2015 school year under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law. Schools are expected to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) toward that goal. The state goal for last year was to have 100% of all students in grades 3-8, & 11, be proficient on the reading and math standards. Additional information about how our school compared to other schools in the state is available on the State of the Schools Report on the Nebraska Department of Education web site at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/documents/SOSR.html>.

We are concerned about the academic progress of all of our students. The School Improvement Team has identified reading as the area of concern and are working to monitor student growth on standards using proficiency scales and common assessments. PLC teams are analyzing student performance on assessments to make instructional decisions to ensure all students receive appropriate academic supports.

It takes two years to prove that our students are making adequate yearly progress and be removed from the School Improvement classification; therefore, our school will be designated as School Improvement for at least two years. The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requires each school identified for Title I School Improvement to offer Public School Choice to all students who attend the identified school. As all of our elementary schools are identified as in school improvement status, our district has no schools available for public school choice. Therefore, there is no transfer option available to our students.

As a Needs Improvement School for at least two years, Lewis and Clark Elementary is required to offer Supplemental Educational Services (SES) to any student who is eligible for free and reduced lunch. If more eligible students sign up for SES than can be funded, priority will be given to students with the greatest academic need. A list of groups providing supplemental educational services in the South Sioux City Community School District area is included with this letter. Parents who choose to have their children participate in SES are asked to complete and return the attached form by Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> to enroll. A second enrollment window will be offered later in the school year.

Your support matters and we encourage you to attend school events such as parent/teacher conferences and curriculum nights. Please contact us or check our website for information about our parent events. We would also be eager to provide you any “at home” strategies to support reading and math learning.

We invite you to contact the school if you have additional questions about any details. We will continue to celebrate our school’s many successes as we continuously work to provide a quality education for all students.

Sincerely,

Ben Schultz  
Lewis and Clark Elementary School Principal

Enclosure