



Doniphan-Trumbull Public School

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Dear Patrons,

The federal education legislation, No Child Left Behind, mandates that all students must be proficient on reading and math academic standards by 2014. Schools are expected to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) toward that goal. The state reading and math goals for the 2013-2014 school year were to have 100% of all students proficient on the reading and math standards. Additional information about how our school compared to other schools in the state will be available on the State of the Schools Report which became available for public viewing on October 24, 2014.

If a school does not meet the state goal two years in a row, in the same grade level and same subject, they are identified as "Needs Improvement." A school can get out of Needs Improvement Status after all subgroups meet the AYP goals for two consecutive years.

Doniphan-Trumbull Elementary is in year 1 of Title I 'Needs Improvement' Status. The following table illustrates our students' overall performance over the past two years:

Elementary AYP Goals:

Year	NeSA Reading Goal	Met/Not Met	NeSA Math Goal	Met/Not Met
2012-2013	89%	Not Met	84%	Not Met
2013-2014	100%	Not Met	100%	Not Met

Doniphan-Trumbull Elementary did not meet Federal Accountability in the area of reading and math in 2012-2013 and again in 2013-2014. Doniphan-Trumbull Elementary is in Needs Improvement Status until all subgroups are able to meet the reading and math goals two years in a row.

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. Our students do not have another choice of schools within our district and as a result our students do not qualify for Public School Choice.

Because of the 'Needs Improvement' status, the school must develop and implement a plan to help students meet the required goals. This year we have been working towards improving our instructional plan for students. This includes making changes to our reading block, maximizing instructional time for our support staff, and using quality assessments in reading and math to focus our instruction on the individual needs of all learners. We will be developing intervention blocks within our schedule to support students struggling in reading and/or math. Our School Improvement Team will continue to develop additional plans to support our efforts to improve instruction and academic performance.

We are also asking for your support to improve student achievement. All students' will benefit greatly from parents being involved in their education. Asking questions, having students read aloud, and setting aside a time and place for homework are only a few of the things that you can do. Your child's teacher can give you additional strategies to work on at home. Student achievement is a partnership between school and home and a strong partnership has been proven to be effective in helping student achievement.

Our teachers at Doniphan-Trumbull Elementary are working to implement a plan to support the learning of

all of our students. We are making program improvements in reading and math as well as supplemental supports in these two content areas. Please call Mr. Engel if you have any questions about the AYP status or the plan to improve the academic achievement in the elementary.

Sincerely,

Rodney M. Engel
Elementary Principal

