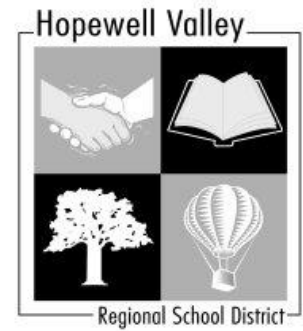


Timberlane Middle School

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Dear Parents:

Our middle school is dedicated to providing all students with the educational foundation necessary to succeed in school and in life. To ensure your child's success, high standards have been set which are reflected in the lessons taught in our classrooms. The *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)* requires that adequate yearly progress (AYP) in language arts literacy and mathematics be measured annually for each school in New Jersey.

AYP is based primarily on the results of the New Jersey state assessments given to students in grades 3 through 8 and grade 11. Schools must meet the state's academic proficiency benchmarks, as well as other indicators such as test participation and attendance/dropout rate, to make AYP. These benchmarks increase on an incremental basis every three years. The 2010-2011 school year included a significant increase in the benchmarks for language arts and math.

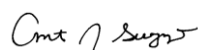
Schools that do not reach AYP for one year (Year 1) receive an Early Warning designation to alert them that students did not meet at least one of the AYP indicators. If a school does not reach AYP for *two or more* consecutive years in the same content area (language arts literacy and mathematics) it is identified as a school in need of improvement.

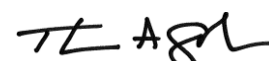
Under the law, I am required to inform you that Timberlane Middle School is designated as a school in need of improvement due to a **single** subgroup's performance in the area of language arts and math. Our total student population performed well above the state average but more importantly above other schools within our District Factor Group (DFG). This includes school districts with similar demographic and socioeconomic backgrounds. Detailed information regarding school and subgroup performance under NCLB can be found at <http://education.state.nj.us/rc/>.

Our school is committed to addressing the issues which caused us to fall short of AYP for the single subgroup. Some of the steps that we will be taking will be to provide students within the single subgroup research-based targeted interventions to address their specific academic needs. We will continue communication throughout the school year regarding the improvement efforts underway and hope you will join us in supporting our students and teachers as we work towards reaching our goals for next year.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,


Tony Suozzo
Principal


Thomas A. Smith, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools