

November 1, 2010

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Under the federal *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) of 2001, each state is required to assess all school districts to determine if each district has made adequate yearly progress (AYP) toward meeting the academic testing standards and additional measures set by the state. AYP decisions are based on the results of state testing in communication arts and math and the district's attendance rate and graduation rate. If the district has not made AYP for two consecutive years in any one of the four areas, it is considered "in need of improvement."

Based on the results of academic testing in communication arts and math and the district's attendance rate and graduation rate, the Marionville R-IX Middle School did not make adequate yearly progress in communication arts and mathematics. This was the first year that our school was considered a middle school.

We are designated as being on level 1 school improvement. Because of this designation, the district has developed a plan for improvement. One important component of this plan will be parent involvement in both the development and implementation of the plan.

Under NCLB, school choice is an option for students where there are other grade levels within the district at another building. Your child does not have the option of transferring to another location within the Marionville R-IX District, since there are no other public middle school choices within the District

You can also help by understanding the importance of good attendance and graduating from school and engaging in reading and math strategies at home. Information about *No Child Left Behind* and what parents can do to improve student achievement can be found at <http://www.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml>.

Sincerely,

Mr. Shane Moseman, Principal  
Marionville Middle School