

# North Pemiscot R-1 School District

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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 the 2010-2011 academic testing in communication arts and math and the district's attendance rate and graduation rate, the North Pemiscot School District did not make adequate yearly progress for the following reasons:

1. The district has four separate groups (groups might include race, special education, free and reduced lunch, etc) that are evaluated on state assessments in Communication Arts and Math. None of the four groups "MET" the target in neither Communication Arts nor Math.
2. In Communication Arts the state achievement target was 75.5% of students proficient or advanced in Communication Arts. North Pemiscot had 37.6% of tested students score proficient or advanced. In Math the state goal was 72.5%. North Pemiscot had 40% students score proficient or advanced.
3. It is important to note that Missouri overall only "met" in one of twenty different groups. The Missouri average in Communication Arts was 54.6% and in Math 54.2%.

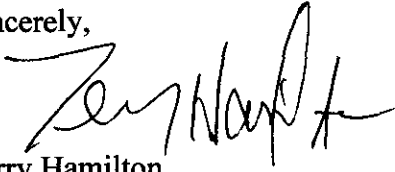
Because this is the third year of this designation, the district is considered to be in Level 3 of District Improvement, Corrective Action, Continuing. We will evaluate and update the plan for improvement that has been developed. One important component of this plan is parent involvement in the implementation of the plan. The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will review the district's progress toward meeting the goals and objectives of the plan and may impose additional sanctions.

Districts in Level 3 must offer school choice if options are available. This option allows students to either remain at the current school or transfer to another school in the district that has made adequate yearly progress. The North Pemiscot District only has one Elementary and one High School. Therefore, school choice is not an option.

You can also help by increasing your understanding of the assessment, understanding the importance of good attendance and graduating from school, visiting schools and becoming a volunteer, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Hamilton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "H".

**Terry Hamilton**  
Superintendent