

MIDDLE WINNISQUAM REGIONAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am writing to inform you that **Winnisquam Regional Middle School** has been identified by the New Hampshire Department of Education as a “School in Need of Improvement” Year 5, in Restructuring, in the area of mathematics and Year 4 for reading. The school completed a Restructuring Plan during the 2008-2009 school year. WRMS made AYP last year in both reading and math but will need to make it for two consecutive years to no longer be considered a “School in Need of Improvement”. The school chose to continue with the Restructuring Plan that parents, teachers, students and administrators had developed throughout that year. The option chosen by the committee and supported by the School Board was to restructure the governance of the school. Changes instituted through the restructuring plan that address this option included:

- Block scheduling for all subject areas with reading and math increasing to 80 minutes daily
- Curriculum leaders and team leaders make up the Faculty Advisory Board that meet regularly to discuss student progress
- Facilitation of Professional Learning Communities
- Accelerated Learning Block instituted to meet the needs of individual students
- Advanced coursework in reading, math, science and social studies
- Implementation of a Data Coach and team to review school-wide data and address student learning needs
- Implementation of the Learning Center to help individual students with subject area gaps

In January of 2002, President Bush signed a new education law called **No Child Left Behind** (NCLB). The long-range goal of NCLB is that every child will be proficient in reading and mathematics according to the State’s academic standards. The Winnisquam Regional Middle School did not make the State target goal in mathematics or reading this year. Under the **No Child Left Behind Act**, each Title I school identified as a “School in Need of Improvement” is required to provide public choice if there is another school within the district which is not identified. This does not apply because there is no comparable school within the district. Supplemental tutoring services will be offered to those students that meet qualifications.

Below, find a chart with comparative data for the state and surrounding towns on the 2009 New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) test:

School Name/State	% of Students Substantially Below Proficient	% of Students Partially Proficient	% of Students Proficient	% of Students Proficient with Distinction	AYP STATUS Yes: Met Standard No: Did Not Met Standard
State of NH Grades 6/7/8	Reading: 6% Math: 15%	Reading: 18% Math: 16%	Reading: 57% Math: 45%	Reading: 19% Math: 24%	Reading: Yes Math: No
Winnisquam Regional Middle School	Reading: 8% Math: 22%	Reading: 25% Math: 17%	Reading: 50% Math: 45%	Reading: 16% Math: 16%	Reading: No Math: No
Laconia Middle School	Reading: 10% Math: 18%	Reading: 23% Math: 19%	Reading: 56% Math: 41%	Reading: 12% Math: 22%	Reading: Yes Math: No
Belmont Middle School	Reading: 3% Math: 12%	Reading: 13% Math: 15%	Reading: 59% Math: 51%	Reading: 22% Math: 24%	Reading: Yes Math: Yes

The school is working closely with the district and the NH Department of Education representatives to be able to identify key areas of improvement. Winnisquam Regional Middle School is currently undergoing a review of the Restructuring Plan designed to assist our students in becoming proficient learners. Winnisquam Regional Middle School has implemented the following services to provide support to our students and teachers:

- Professional development focusing on mathematics and reading
- Professional development for teacher leadership and supporting the professional learning groups
- Implementation of the new science and social studies curriculum
- Supplemental tutoring to those students that met the requirements of NCLB

As a parent, you are a critical partner in school improvement. All of us working together will ensure the implementation of a successful restructuring plan and improve the quality of the education provided to students. If you are interested in helping in the restructuring process, please call the school at 286-7143, send an email to pmiller@wrsdsau59.org, or stop by the office.

I look forward to working with you to provide opportunities for success for each student. Winnisquam Regional Middle School's detailed plan for improvement will be available in the school office and on the website by September 2010. Please contact the school if you would like to have a copy mailed to you.

Sincerely,



Dr. Pamela Miller
Principal