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Dear Parent/Patron,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that according to 2014-2015 state student assessment results Perkins County Elementary School is in Year 2 of Title I School Improvement for the 2015-2016 school year under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law. Schools are expected to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) toward that goal. The state goal for last year was to have 100% of all students in grades 3-8, & 11, be proficient on the reading and math standards. Perkins County Elementary has not made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for three consecutive years. While scores on the NeSA Reading and Math Assessments improved over last year, Perkins County Elementary did not make AYP because 1 subgroup in grade 3-5 did not make AYP in Reading. More information about all schools in the state is available on the State of the Schools Report on the Nebraska Department of Education web site at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/documents/SOSR.html>.

Perkins County Elementary School receives federal funds from the Title I program. These funds help students who are not achieving at grade level in math or reading in high-poverty schools. One requirement of a school identified is to establish an Accountability Compact Team to assist in planning and evaluating strategies for improvement in the elementary school. Members of the team include staff from our district, ESU staff, NDE staff, and a parents from our school district.

Because Perkins County Elementary School has been identified as a school "in need of improvement" it must offer Public School Choice. However, because Perkins County Elementary School is the only elementary school in our district there is no transfer option available to our students.

This identification also requires Perkins County Schools to provide Supplemental Educational Services (SES) to eligible students (those students who qualify for free and reduced lunch programs). A list of SES providers that have been approved by the State Department of Education that could provide tutoring services for your child can be found on our school website www.perkinscountyschools.org under the Title I tab and a hardcopy is available in elementary office. Parents who choose to have their children participate in SES are asked to contact the Perkins County Elementary office at (308) 352-4313 by November 16, 2015 to enroll. A second enrollment window will be offered from January 4-18, 2016. Once notice has been received, we will make enrollment arrangements as quickly as possible and will notify parents upon approval.

We welcome your involvement at Perkins County Elementary School. There are many ways to participate including offering your input to the School Improvement Team, volunteering, and attending parent conferences with your child's teacher(s). Other ways to support your child's success are to assure that your child is prepared, attends school each day, and has completed their homework.

Perkins County Elementary School held its annual meeting to develop our parent involvement policy and to review parent rights under Title I and other information August, 19, 2015. The Title I district-wide parent involvement policy was reviewed this past fall and will again be reviewed this upcoming fall on a date to be announced later. You are welcome to be a part of that review process.

If you have questions about this information or about the AYP status and our plan to improve the achievement of all subgroups at the elementary, please feel free to contact Mrs. Long at Perkins County Elementary. Please continue to work with us to make sure that we achieve success for every student.

Sincerely,

Mr. Phillip Picquet
Superintendent, Perkins County Elementary School