

Mineral County School District

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 Dr. Paul "Hank" Kirk, Superintendent

August 10, 2009

Dear Parent of Hawthorne Elementary / Jr. High School:

Every year, the Nevada Department of Education identifies schools within the state that have not met certain performance targets, also known as "Adequate Yearly Progress" or AYP, for two or more consecutive years. Those schools are designated as being "In Need of Improvement".

Hawthorne Elementary / Jr. High School has not made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for two consecutive years. Year One, 2007-2008, the school was on the "watch" list for English/Language Arts for the IEP or special education sub-population. Year Two, 2008-2009, they again did not make Adequate Yearly Progress for English/Language Arts for the IEP (special education) sub-population. Not making AYP for two consecutive years identifies Hawthorne ES/JH School as a Nevada school "In Need of Improvement".

You can access this information by going to the Nevada Department of Education website, www.doe.nv.gov, and clicking on the "No Child Left Behind" icon. The information on how all schools did in the district will be available under the "Adequate Yearly Progress" heading, along with information on the scores for all of the districts in the state. Specific information for Hawthorne and Schurz is listed below.

HES 2008-2009	All	White	African American	Hispanic	Native American	Asian	IEP	LEP	FRL
Math (AYP)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Yes
ELA (AYP)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	NA	Yes
Attendance	92%	94.45%	95.79%	95.65%	-	96.75%	92.45%	-	94.30%

Math, English Language Arts, and Science numbers represent **percent** of students that scored proficient.

- Data not provided for sub populations of less than 25 students for Math and ELA and populations of less than 10 students for Science.

SES 2008-2009	All	White	African American	Hispanic	Native American	Asian	IEP	LEP	FRL
Math (AYP)	Yes	NA	NA	Yes	Yes	NA	NA	NA	Yes
ELA (AYP)	Yes	NA	NA	Yes	Yes	NA	NA	NA	Yes
Attendance	92.10%	NA	NA	92%	92%	-	-	-	92%

Please know that many good schools have not made AYP throughout the nation and the state of Nevada. Academic success is measured in many ways, including classroom tests, teacher observations, report cards, homework, and standardized tests. AYP, however, focuses only on state tests. Entire schools can miss the target if too many students are absent on a test day or if students who aren't yet fluent in English miss the reading and writing goals. Mineral County School District has dedicated administrators and teachers who work hard to meet the goals.

Hawthorne Elementary / Jr. High School has requested sustained Special Education training from our state regional professional development team for the 2009-2010 school year. Throughout the year, on a monthly basis, Hawthorne Elementary School provides family literacy nights for our students and parents. Students are involved in fun activities that encourage learning outside of the classroom and provide parents with ideas on what's being taught and how they can assist in this process. Activities include Reading Night, Math Night, Writing Night and stress the importance of making learning fun.

Hawthorne Elementary / Jr. High School will continue to operate as a Title I Schoolwide program. We will also continue to use data from MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) assessments, writing proficiency assessments, Dibels and NELIP assessments.

Through the District Improvement Plan, Mineral County School District has identified strategies that will assist schools and teachers to be able to meet the AYP requirements. For the 2009-2010 school year, teachers will be reviewing all student data in the school as measured on the MAP assessment. In the case of HES, the sub population in needs of improvement is the IEP or Special Education population. Strategies and requirements are covered under IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) through the Individual Education Plan.

Parents are invited to participate in their child's education. Your school is required to have two parents who participate on the School Improvement Plan (SIP) Team. Training will be given to parents who wish to participate before attending the SIP Team meeting.

Parents have the "choice" of moving their child to a different school as identified by the District. You have the option of transferring your student to Schurz Elementary School Transportation will be covered by the district. You may also choose for your child to remain in his/her current school. Priority will be given to those students who are in the free and reduced lunch program and who have not made significant progress with academic progress.

If you wish to transfer your student, please fill out the attached form and return to the school no later than August 25, 2009. If you have any questions, you will be able to contact me from August 10 – 21st at the Jr. High School.

We encourage you to think about your options of keeping your child at his/her current school or moving your child to another school, Schurz Elementary. Make the decision that is in the best interest of your child and your family. If we do not receive a move request form by Tuesday, August 25th, then your child will be remaining at his/her current school.

Sincerely,
Walt P. Hackford, Principal Phone 775-945-2411

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NCLB- AYP REQUEST TO TRANSFER

Student Name _____

Grade Level _____

Student Name _____

Grade Level _____

I am requesting that my child(ren) be transferred to Schurz Elementary School.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date

Phone number for Parents _____

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Date received at School: _____

Contact Call Date: _____

Receiving School Notification Date _____

School Notification Letter Date _____