

**Parent Notification Letter
School Improvement (SI) Parent Option Letter –Year 2 and Beyond**

August 31, 2009

Dear TMS Parent/Legal Guardian:

In January 2002, the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB), was signed into law to improve educational opportunities for all children attending a Title I school. This federally funded program provides assistance to schools serving students who are at risk for academic failure. This legislation supports the school district’s efforts to provide a strong standards-based educational program for students along with accountability for student achievement.

Tsehootsooi Middle School operates a Title I program. NCLB requires that all Title I schools make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in all indicators for two consecutive years. Parents of children attending Title I schools that have not made AYP are required to be notified of the school’s AYP status. Parents of children attending Title I schools that have not made AYP have two options:

- Public School Choice with free transportation to a school not identified for improvement; **or**
- Free tutoring from an approved Supplemental Educational Service Provider.

The table below details the AYP determination for our school:

AYP Determination	Yes or No
Met 95% Percent Tested in Math?	YES
Met 95% Percent Tested in Reading?	YES
Met Annual Measurable Objectives in Math?	NO
Met Annual Measurable Objectives in Reading?	NO
Met 90% K-8 Attendance Rate?	YES

As a result of the above, pending any appeal and its approval, our school is currently identified to be in Corrective Action of Title I School Improvement.

The following chart provides a comparison of our school to other elementary or secondary schools in the district and in the State as required by NCLB:

Grade	My School	My District	Arizona Schools	My School	My District	Arizona Schools
	% Proficient in Math	% Proficient in Math	% Proficient in Math	% Proficient in Reading	% Proficient in Reading	% Proficient in Reading
6	39	39	68.1%	41	44	70.2%
7	48	48	73.3%	51	51	72.7%
8	31	31	63.2%	46	49	69.3%
2011 cohort			70.0%			74.6%

Free Tutoring

In addition, your child may receive free tutoring from an approved state Supplemental Educational Service Provider (SES). This free tutoring will be an opportunity for your child to improve reading, math, or writing skills and are tailored to the particular academic needs of each student. Please see attached list of approved tutoring providers for our school. If you have questions regarding the SES tutoring services, please contact Ms. Roberta Tayah at 928-729-6805 or Ms. Wanda Brown at 928-729-680 for information about your options.

School Improvement Plan

We have been working with the district and ADE to revise the Arizona School Improvement Plan for our school. In order to address the indicators of not making AYP, the district and ADE are assisting our school in:

- Designing, implementing and monitoring TMS School Improvement Plan.
- Designating additional funds to assist TMS with reading, math and writing materials/supplies.
- Monitoring and visiting TMS as frequently as possible.
- Establish a School Improvement Leadership Team.
- Implementing high quality professional development for TMS staff on instructional pedagogies.
- Use student data frequently to address student needs.
- Implement a Targeted Assistance program at TMS for students who need tutoring.

The school is implementing the following strategies to address the indicator(s) of not making AYP:

- Improve Reading throughout the content areas.
- Improve Writing throughout the content areas.
- Offer after school tutoring services to TMS students.
- Offer high quality professional development to TMS staff.
- Improve student attendance.

We encourage you to become involved by participating in the development of the Arizona School Improvement Plan. Please contact Ms. Roberta Tayah at 928-729-6802, if you are interested in being part of a committee or would like more information on our school. As a reminder, our Title I annual meeting will be held on October 7, 2009, at 5:30pm, TMS Old Cafeteria, and our instructional staff will be available to answer questions.

Educationally yours,

Ms. Roberta Tayah, School Principal