



Lackawanna City School District

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Dear Martin Road families:

For a number of years, New York State has implemented several standardized assessments in English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. Due to the requirements of the federal law -No Child Left Behind (NCLB), our schools are measured using these difficult tests.

In order for a school to remain in “good standing”, student scores must be passing. This is referred to as making “Annual Yearly Progress” (AYP) as dictated by NCLB. New York State must follow the rules of NCLB and subsequently AYP. AYP is measured using the NYS standardized tests in the core subject areas in grades 3-6 at Martin Road Elementary.

Using various formulas and sub-groups to determine the different classifications of AYP in each subject area as well as in each grade level, Martin Road Elementary has been classified as a “School in Need of Improvement” (SINI) in English Language Arts (ELA).

Martin Road Elementary is in SINI status. To ensure that MRES improves, a plan has been established to include, but not limited to; additional professional development focused on ELA curriculum and instruction, Academic Intervention Services (AIS), after-school Supplemental Education Services (SES) for students failing the NYS ELA exam, collaborative planning, and provide teachers research based training to ensure that not only we meet the requirements of NCLB and AYP to be removed from SINI status. More so, our constant goal is to provide our children of Martin Road Elementary with the finest education possible.

Typically, students in a School in Need of improvement are offered “School Choice” to attend a different school within the district. However, school choice is not available to students because Martin Road is the sole provider of education in grades 3-6 in the Lackawanna City School District.

As parents of children in Martin Road Elementary, you can help in this process. Simply taking 15-20 minutes per day to read with each other, can make a world of difference with your child. Anything from the newspaper, to a chapter book, a few minutes a day can help them strengthen their reading skills that will last a life time and perhaps develop their appreciation of learning.

Thank you for your continued support,

Jared Taft
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- Please note that: Supplemental Education Services (SES) will be provided for students after school in September through the Title I grant. Please look for more information to come home with your child regarding these services and also check the district website for information.