



LINCOLN Unified School District

Sture Larsson / John McCandless
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August 1, 2013

Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

Our school receives Title I funds from the federal government. We use these funds to provide extra services and materials to enhance the educational programs for our students performing below grade level. The federal law, No Child Left Behind, requires all Title I schools to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). In California, schools are identified for Program Improvement if they do not meet the AYP targets in four areas for two consecutive years. Below is our data from 2011-2012. We are waiting for the arrival of our official 2012-2013 results from the California Department of Education. Once we receive the official results in the Fall, we will notify you.

We are committed to improving our performance in English language arts and math. Individual student scores will be sent home in early August. More information about the California Standards Test (CST) can be seen on the California Department of Education website at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ar>.

Targets	Participation Rate 95%	CST - English/ language arts 66.7%*	CST - Mathematics 66.1%*	Academic Performance Index (API) 710/800
Larsson/McCandless	100%	21.7%	26.1%	570

*Percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced on the CST.

One of the options for students attending schools identified as Program Improvement is to request a transfer to a non-Program Improvement school. However, currently all of our schools are at capacity and therefore, we cannot offer an alternative placement for Sture Larsson and John McCandless students at this time. If there becomes an opportunity for transfers, we will notify you. If you have questions or would like more information about this, please call Debbie de Ganna, Director of State and Federal Programs at 953-8735.

In late August, we will be providing information about Supplemental Education Services (SES) for eligible students at schools in Program Improvement Year 2 and above. These services are for tutoring which will occur outside the school day with state approved providers. If you have questions, you may call Debbie deGanna at 953-8735.

Both the district and our school are committed to helping all of our students be successful and to meeting our Adequate Yearly Progress growth targets in the coming years. We are revising the school plan to address our students' needs and improve their academic achievement. The district office supports our work and provides professional development opportunities for us.

Please feel free to call me to find out ways that you can be involved in our school by volunteering, attending parents meetings, and serving on advisory committees. Research shows that strong parent involvement leads to student success in school. We will keep you updated and informed about opportunities to be involved through the parent newsletter, phone messages, and letters home.

We will hold a parent information meeting to talk about our school's achievement and to answer any questions you may have about Program Improvement. We will send an automated telephone message to let you know the date, time and place of the meeting. Please plan to attend this meeting.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Kahl
Principal

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