

January 14, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In September we sent you a letter informing you that Barre City Elementary and Middle School has been identified as a school in need of improvement, based on the results of the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) standardized tests which were given in October 2009. In compliance with the “No Child Left Behind” Act we are sending you this second notice. When our students’ scores on the NECAP tests were aggregated as a whole, our school met the required standards. However, when key subgroups were broken out, we did not make **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)** AYP for students eligible for free and reduced lunch or students eligible for special education services in either Reading or Mathematics. To help support children who are struggling to meet the state standards, federal money, called Title I, is set aside to provide additional instructional services. These services must take place either before or after school, or during the summer. Funding is available for the educational services only. It does not include costs for transportation. **DUE TO THE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS, THEY ARE AVAILABLE ONLY TO THOSE CHILDREN WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED LUNCHES.** The state refers to this opportunity as the provision of “**supplemental services**” for families that are interested in accessing this support.

We have attached to this letter an updated list of state approved service providers. If your child is eligible for free or reduced lunch you may select before and after school, or summer support services from this list only. The program provided can be tailored to your child’s individual needs. Please contact either one of us by Friday, February 11, 2011 if you would like to consider having your child receive any of these extra support services.

We have also included with this letter an application for free and reduced lunches in case you believe your child may qualify and you have not completed the form yet this year.

As always, your child’s teachers continue to provide extra help during the school day through intervention programs in mathematics and English/Language Arts and, at the middle school level, through after-school help sessions as well. We encourage you to call your child’s teacher to set up a conference any time you have concerns or questions about his or her academic or social well-being here at school.

Please feel free to call either of us here at school for more information regarding the **supplemental services** for which your child may be eligible.

Sincerely,

Michele Cote

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