



LITTLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #65
Leading...in Learning, Caring, and Growing

P.O. BOX 280, Cashion, Arizona 85329

**Littleton Elementary School District - Parent Notification Letter
 School Improvement Parent Option Letter – Year 3**

July 22, 2011

Dear Parent/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. In 2011, the test objectives, called AMO’s, increased by 14% in math and 11% in reading, making it very difficult for schools and districts to make AYP.

Country Place Elementary 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 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.

Criteria	AYP Determination
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, our school is currently identified to be in **Year 3 of Title I School Improvement**. The following chart provides a comparison of our school to the state proficiency target as required by NCLB.

Grade	Country Place	State Proficiency Target	Country Place	State Proficiency Target
	% Proficient in Math	% Proficient in Math	% Proficient in Reading	% Proficient in Reading
3	40	65	54	72
4	42	63	59	67
5	40	58	58	66
6	53	57	84	67
7	49	58	81	69
8	54	58	69	66

Due to our school's Title I School Improvement designation, your child may be eligible to attend a school that is NOT identified for Title I School Improvement and the district will provide transportation or your child may receive supplemental educational services from an approved provider. Please note the number of students eligible is limited by the amount of funds available. If funds are not sufficient, lowest-achieving students from low-income families must be given priority.

Parents choosing to transfer their child may elect to send their child to Tres Rios. Please contact your school's principal, Mr. Lance Chebultz, by Friday, August 19th if you would like to transfer your son/daughter. Parents may request additional educational services in place of transferring their child to another school by contacting Mr. Chebultz by Friday, September 16th.

We have been working with the District and the AZ Department of Education (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:

- *Restructuring school administration and replacing teachers*
- *Revising our Arizona School Improvement Plan*
- *Providing teachers with instructional coaching and professional development*
- *Providing reading interventions within the instructional day*
- *Providing progress monitoring assessments throughout the year to drive instruction*
- *Supporting use of student data and analysis strategies in collaborative team meetings*

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

- *Increasing instructional rigor*
- *Coaching of the ten methods from the High Intensity English Language program*
- *Coaching teachers to support student learning in resource and regular education classrooms*
- *Instructional intervention time in reading and math for those not at proficiency levels*
- *Differentiated instruction for all students in reading and math*
- *Increased opportunities for parent and family engagement*
- *Revising curriculum to increase alignment with AZ and Common Core State Standards*

We encourage you to become involved by participating in the revision of our school improvement plan. Please contact Mr. Chebultz, at 623-478-6100, if you are interested in being part of a committee or would like more information.

Educationally yours,

Lance Chebultz
Country Place School Principal

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