

July 27, 2011

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The goal of the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) of 2001 is to ensure that all children in this country receive a quality education. Under NCLB, each state is required to assess all schools to determine if each school has made adequate yearly progress (AYP) toward meeting the academic testing standards and additional measures set by the state. AYP decisions are based on the results of state testing in communication arts and math and the school's attendance rate or graduation rate. If the school has not made AYP for two consecutive years, it is considered "in need of improvement."

Based on the results of the 2010-2011 academic testing in communication arts and math and the school's attendance rate or graduation rate, your child's school Rebecca Boone Elementary did not make adequate yearly progress for the following reasons:

1. Rebecca Boone Elementary met zero out of four proficiency targets for Communication Arts and zero out of four proficiency targets for Mathematics.
2. In accordance with the NCLB guidelines and the Missouri Assessment Plan (MAP), all students in 3<sup>rd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade are required to participate in the Grade Level Assessments. The chart below shows Rebecca Boone Elementary's and the State's comparison in scores for the fourth grade and fifth grade:

<b>Content Area:</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Rebecca Boone's % of students scoring proficient or advanced according the Grade Level Assessment</b>	<b>Missouri's % of students scoring proficient or advanced according to the Grade Level Assessment.</b>	<b>Required % to meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)</b>
Communication Arts	Fourth Grade	50.6%	52.7%	75.5%
Communication Arts	Fifth Grade	38.5%	52.1%	75.5%
Mathematics	Fourth Grade	48.5%	51.2%	72.5%
Mathematics	Fifth Grade	43%	53.4%	72.5%

Because this is the second year of this designation, the school is considered to be in Level 2 of School Improvement. We will revisit/revise components of the plan for improvement which was developed last year. One important component of this plan will be parent involvement in both the development and implementation of the plan.

NCLB Act requires schools that can provide public school choice to allow parents to transfer their child to a school in the district that has made adequate academic progress. Warren County

R-III School District does not have another school with the same grade levels available; therefore, public school choice is not an option for our district.

When a school is identified as Level 2 of School Improvement and every subsequent year thereafter it is identified for improvement, Supplemental Educational Services (SES) are available for eligible children. Information about SES and how to obtain services will be coming within the next two weeks to parents of eligible children. All students from low-income families, those that qualify for free or reduced school lunch, who attend a Title I school in its second year or above of school improvement are eligible for SES.

Information about Supplemental Educational Services (SES) will also be available on the district's/LEA's website at [www.warrencor3.org](http://www.warrencor3.org). The information will be located on Warrior Ridge's Building Page under the tab **NCLB**. This information will be updated periodically and toward the end of the school year.

We encourage you to become involved with your child's school to support improvement programs. Working with your child on reading and math skills at home, getting involved in your child's school building, and offering input in the development of school programs and activities are helpful ways to ensure that our students' needs are met for today and in the future.

Sincerely,