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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, the school district must provide notice to the parent(s) of each student enrolled in a school building if that building does not make adequate yearly progress (AYP) and is identified for school improvement. Each state has developed and implemented measurements for determining whether its schools and local educational agencies are making adequate yearly progress (AYP). AYP is an individual state's measure of progress toward the goal of 100 percent of students achieving to state academic standards in at least reading /language arts and math. It sets the minimum level of proficiency that the state, its school districts, and schools must achieve each year on annual tests and related academic indicators.

Schools that have not made state-defined AYP for two consecutive school years must be identified as needing school improvement before the beginning of the next school year. Immediately after a school is found to be in need of improvement, school officials must receive help and technical assistance. These schools must develop a two-year plan to turn around the school. Every student in the school must be given the option to transfer to **another public school in the district** (one that has not been identified as in need of improvement) with transportation, subject to a spending cap, provided by the school district. **This option only applies to districts that have more than one building providing the same grade level instructions.**

If the school does not make AYP for three consecutive years, the school remains in school improvement and the district must continue to offer public school choice to all students. In addition, students from low-income families must be offered "supplemental educational services" - free tutoring services or additional academic help for students provided outside of the regular school day. Parents can choose the services their child needs from a list of approved providers; however, **this request must be made prior to January 31, 2012.**

The South Pemiscot District and South Pemiscot Elementary both have a two-year school improvement plan and they are in position to provide supplemental educational services if they are requested. Our goal is to provide the best education possible for our students and we encourage parental support and assistance.

Parents can get involved in addressing the academic issues that cause the school to be identified for school improvement by contacting your local school district. Under No Child Left Behind, states and school districts must make report cards available to the public detailing the performance of states, school districts and schools. You can call to ask about the status of your child's school and if he or she is eligible for supplemental educational services.

Principals in High School and Elementary will be sending information, conducting meetings, and having programs throughout the year for parents to stay informed. Please read the information sent to you and participate in all the activities provided so that together we can make South Pemiscot School District the best it can be for all. If you have any questions, please call your child's principal.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stan Templeton
Superintendent