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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Harlem School District 122 is committed to providing a high-quality educational program for your child. We are working hard to provide programs to help all students succeed in our School District.

Your child attends Maple Elementary School which receives federal Title I funds. These funds provide help for your child to meet state achievement standards. We anticipate that in the 2012-2013 school year, Maple will not meet the adequate yearly progress (AYP) targets. Therefore, your child's school is in corrective action which means the school has failed to make adequate yearly progress for 4 consecutive years in the same subject and is required to offer public school choice and supplemental educational services (A family must meet low-income guidelines to qualify for Supplemental Education Services), at least one of the following actions will be implemented:

- Replace school staff relevant to adequate yearly progress;
- Institute and fully implement a new curriculum, with appropriate professional development for all relevant staff;
- Significantly decrease management authority at the school level;
- Appoint an outside expert to advise the school on its progress toward making adequately yearly progress, based on its school plan;
- Extend the school year or school day; or
- Restructure the internal organizational structure of the schools.

Our District's report card and the most recent AYP status report for your school show how your child's school compares to other schools in our District and in the state. These reports will be available on our Web site, at your child's school, and at the School District Administration Center as soon as they are released by the State.

<http://www.harlem122.org>

(Click on "Document Manager", then "IL School Report Cards", or use this direct link:

<http://www.harlem122.org/education/components/docmgr/default.php?sectiondetailid=417&catfilter=1408#showDoc>

Maple Elementary School Choice Information Page:

<http://www.harlem122.org/education/school/school.php?sectionid=11&>

Your child's school has been identified because they did not make the target of 92.5% proficient in reading and math. The school is working to improve the school's academic program by implementing a school-wide response to intervention program, summer school, and teacher professional development on differentiated instruction so that the learning needs of all students at Maple Elementary School can be addressed. The District and the State Board of Education are working with your child's school to help improve the academic standards of the school. This is being accomplished by providing technical assistance to the teachers and administrators within your child's school.



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However, this may not be enough and we want to request your help as the school addresses its academic problems. Parents are encouraged to become more involved in their school through attendance at scheduled parent conferences, participating in school family literacy nights and the parent-teacher organization, and school improvement planning committees, among other opportunities.

The No Child Left Behind Act provides you, as a parent, the option to transfer your child to another public school within the district with transportation provided by the district. However, at this time we do not have a school within the district to which your child can transfer. We have contacted neighboring districts to request that they provide us with a school(s) we can offer you as an option. No school district has agreed to do so this school year.

Please call Dr. Barbara Browning at (815) 654-4500 if you have any questions about these services.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Barb Browning, Ed. D." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Barb Browning  
Assistant Superintendent  
Harlem Consolidated School District 122