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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Attached is a letter we are required to send families following the Federal Law regarding schools making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) according to the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation.

The letter must be written following federal guidelines and must be approved by the Illinois State Board of Education, but the letter can be very confusing.

According to ISAT results for 2013, Maple Elementary did not make AYP ("Adequate Yearly Progress") for the 2012-13 school year. Adequate Yearly Progress means that we must have a 92.5% of the students at Maple meet the standards on the state test (ISAT).

When a school does not make AYP for two or more years in a row, the district is required to offer "School Choice". That means you would have the option of sending your child to another school in the Harlem School District that is making AYP. Unfortunately, no elementary school in Harlem School District made this target; therefore, we cannot offer you the choice to send your child to another school in Harlem.

As required by law, we asked School Districts around us if they would provide a space for our students in one of their schools that made AYP, but none of the other area School Districts can provide space for Maple Elementary students at this time. The attached letter tells you that we have to offer you choice, but there are no schools available at this time for you to choose.

When a school has not made AYP for four years, we must write a plan called a "Corrective Action Plan". There are several things that we can choose to do in our plan, and those are listed on the attached letter. At Maple, we will be doing this:

- Updating our Math program and curriculum
- We changed the school calendar to be the same as the rest of the District
- We are consulting with experts at the Regional Office of Education to help us with our School Improvement Plan

The letter also mentions "supplemental educational services". We will be sending more information about that once school starts.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss this further.

Barb Browning

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Barb Browning, Ed. D.'.

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