

# *Pleasant Hill Community Unit School*

## *District No. 3*

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To: Parent/Guardian:

The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001 requires all states to create their own high academic standards for what a child should know and be able to do for all grades in reading/language arts and mathematics. Each school and district must improve each year until all students meet these standards. This yearly improvement in school performance is called Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

The Illinois State Board of Education has established a minimum percentage of students who must meet or exceed academic standards on required statewide tests. The goal is that all students will meet or exceed these academic proficiency requirements by the 2013-2014 school year. NCLB also mandates that the Illinois State Board of Education annually review the performance of each school that receives funds under Title I of the NCLB Act of 2001. If a school's academic performance is lower than the state's required level, the school will be identified as not making Adequate Yearly Progress and needing "school improvement".

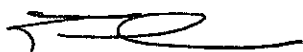
While our scores in reading have always been strong, AYP reports have been received from the Illinois State Board of Education indicating that our elementary school did not meet the required percentage of 85% of students meeting and exceeding state standards in reading. Pleasant Hill Unit # 3 has the responsibility to notify parents/guardians of the students enrolled at Pleasant Hill Elementary that your child's school is in the federal status of "School Choice" which means the school has not made AYP for two consecutive years and public school choice must be offered to students. The school report card will be available later this fall in the Pleasant Hill Elementary office and the district office.

The district is continuing to work with your child's school to help improve the academic standards of the school. This is being accomplished by providing professional development to the teachers and administrators within your child's school. In addition, school improvement committees will be developed to address the improvement needs of the school. Parents will be asked to participate when these committees begin to meet.

As a parent you have the option to transfer your child to another public school within the district with transportation provided by the district. However, the ability to transfer your child to another school in the district currently does not exist because there are no other elementary schools in the district. The other county school districts were contacted to provide a transfer school but declined our request.

Please call Ron Edwards at (217)-734-2311 if you have any questions about our status.

Thank you,



Ron Edwards  
Superintendent of Schools  
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