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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Lucerne Elementary School receives Title I federal funding to assist our students in academic achievement in reading, writing, and math. The *No Child Left Behind* law requires that all Title I schools make adequate yearly progress (AYP) in improving student achievement. Each year, results on the California Standards Test in English Language Arts and Mathematics are analyzed and matched with the achievement targets. When a school fails to meet these achievement targets for two consecutive years, it is identified as a Program Improvement (PI) school. A school exits PI after two consecutive years of reaching the target.

With no test scores available from the State for the 2013/2014 school year, we are frozen at Program Improvement year 3. Our academic performance index (API) score stands at 744, which is the average of the last three available scoring years. The *No Child Left Behind* Law target is 100% of students will test proficient or advanced by the year 2014. To learn how Lucerne compares academically to other schools in our area and state, visit the California Department of Education website <http://www.cde.ca.gov/reports.asp>. Also, the school's Accountability Progress Reports may be obtained on the CDE webpage <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/>.

As a Year 3 PI school, we will ensure that students have access to quality educational programs. We are reviewing student programs and will begin to use strategies designed to improve the curriculum and student performance. We will revise our policies and practices to incorporate research-based strategies to strengthen core academic areas that ensure all groups of students meet the achievement standards. We have already put into place new intervention strategies this year as part of our Response to Intervention process and have hired new teachers to promote smaller class size. Our district is working closely with Lake County Office of Education and the California Department of Education. They are providing resources, support, and training opportunities in areas of high quality professional development. We are analyzing various data reports that are strengthening our core academic instruction that will lead to removing our school from PI status. As a Year 3 PI school, Supplementary Education Services will be offered to eligible students. A student is deemed eligible based on 2013 STAR test scores. Those services would consist of after school tutoring and other possible academic intervention. If you are interested in your student receiving SES services, please fill out and return the attached form to the school no later than September 1, 2014. More information is available on SES services on the CDE website <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ti/sesapprv1113sbejul.asp>

State law referred to as the Open Enrollment Act remains in effect as described in earlier letter. All of our neighboring districts as well as many districts outside of the county are also in PI. Most school districts in Lake County already support the concept of Open Enrollment, as they believe in the participation of parents in their students' educational choices and have given parents the opportunity to enroll their children in other districts for many years. Within the *No Child Left Behind* law, parents of students attending a Title I PI school may send their child to a non-PI school in the district and receive transportation to a designated district school at district expense. However, Lucerne Elementary School

