



## Wareham Public Schools

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Minot Forest School made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in all categories in English Language Arts and Math. In order for our status to change, a school must make AYP in that content area for two consecutive years. Since this is year one of making AYP in all categories in math, our school remains identified for improvement in mathematics for student subgroups (according to preliminary data on the 2011 MCAS results) under the federal *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)*. This designation highlights areas where more work will continue by principals, teachers, and parents to ensure that all students are successful. Schools identified under NCLB become eligible for additional support from the school district and the state as they work together to improve teaching and learning, especially in English language arts and mathematics.

We are doing many things to improve teaching and learning in the school, including:

1. We appointed two part-time Interventionists and two Instructional Leaders, who are responsible for helping teachers and working with students;
2. We will be incorporating Response to Intervention framework in ELA this year in grades K-4;
3. Last year we implemented new curriculum texts, resources, and supplemental supplies in mathematics, science, and writing, based on scientific research and aligned to the *Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and Common Core Standards*, that we believe address some of the causes of poor student performance; and
4. We are providing after-school tutoring and homework help for students needing support.

Involving families as full partners in the education of their children is a cornerstone of NCLB. When families support learning, children are more successful in school. School success helps children become successful adults. We encourage you to become involved in helping us improve our school. Some of the ways you can become involved are:

- Attending parent-teacher meetings, open houses, special events, and conferences;
- Serving as a volunteer in our school or district;
- Encouraging other parents to become involved.

For more information on participating in the school improvement process, contact your school principal Mrs. Joan Seamans at 508-291-3555.

NCLB School Choice is one option that is available to students in Title I schools when there are other schools in the district not in Improvement Status. The only other Wareham elementary school is also in Improvement Status. However, because the school receives federal Title I funds, Supplemental Educational Services are available to students of the Minot Forest School. You will be receiving a letter during the first week of September about these tutoring services. Please contact Ms. Kathy Moore Minkle, SES Coordinator, at 508-291-3540, ext. 18, for more information.

Sincerely,

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