

Dear Parent/ Guardian:

Lake Hamilton High School, like many other schools in the state, is on the Arkansas State Department of Education's list for year one of school improvement. The entire school population as a group met the adequate yearly progress (AYP) gain set by the state. However, one of our sub-populations, economically disadvantaged students, did not improve at the prescribed rate in literacy achievement as measured by state mandated exams.

To resolve this situation, we are focusing on literacy instruction for the identified sub-population of the economically disadvantaged students. Some interventions being implemented this year include after school tutoring, computer assisted instruction, co-teaching in special education classrooms, and the development of assessment walls to monitor progress of students.

In keeping with state requirements, we are providing notice that there is an area of concern and reassure parents and patrons that we have taken measures to address those concerns. LHHS is staffed by highly qualified teachers and is committed to providing research-based programs and excellent resources that will make the 2009-2010 school year more successful for your child. The school's curriculum and programs are all aligned with Arkansas Curriculum Frameworks. Intensive professional development has been provided to teachers. Extensive support will be provided by literacy and math coaches, special educators, counselors, and administrators. The progress of all students will be monitored, and results of periodic assessments will be reviewed to ensure improved student achievement.

You are very important to your child's education and we invite you to partner with the school and become more involved by:

- Attendance at Parent Teacher Conferences and Due Process Conferences**
- Volunteering to serve on school committees**
- Using the Parent Resource Center**
- Contacting teachers, counselors, or administrators to discuss student progress or concerns.**

If you would like further information about your child's performance, please contact the High School Counselor's office at 760-5398.

Sincerely,

**Superintendent,
Lake Hamilton School District**