

LAKE HAMILTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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**Middle School Parents/Guardians
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Dear Middle School Patrons:

I had previously sent you a letter back in August, 2010 stating that the Arkansas Department of Education had required us to notify you that we were under School Improvement because of not meeting our annual Average Yearly Progress in literacy and math in the sub-group of Special Education students. We worked tremendously hard in 2009-10 to improve our scores in this group. The Benchmark test scores were announced in July, 2010 and according to their statistics we did not meet AYP. We took an aggressive approach that we had indeed met AYP for 09-10 and took the procedure that allowed us to appeal based on revised Benchmark scores. A team of Lake Hamilton personnel combed our data and worked to make sure scores were attributed correctly and student scores were attributed to the correct sub-group. We found some discrepancies and based our appeal on those. This is the reasons that some data was incorrect:

The ADE has reviewed all data correction requests and appeals. Most appeals involved either errors in data or the misclassification of students to subgroups:

1. Limited English Proficient (LEP) students in the U.S. less than 1 year
2. Monitored former LEP students
3. Students with Disabilities that have exited special services
4. Scores or enrollment are not coded to the school of instruction
5. Demographics appealed to change subpopulations

I am extremely happy to announce to you that the ADE accepted our appeal and we ARE NO LONGER ON SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT. ALL of our Middle School sub-groups met their AYP and our whole school has officially met state standards. I am tremendously proud of our students and teachers who stepped up and made the effort to improve. We will not be satisfied but will continue to give our students the best education that is possible. If you have any questions or need clarification of any of the above information feel free to contact me, Dewayne Curry, Principal, Lake Hamilton Middle School, 501-767-3355.

Sincerely,

**Dewayne Curry
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