



LAPWAI SCHOOL DISTRICT #341

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Dear Parents:

The purpose of this letter is to notify parents of eligible students that Idaho has replaced the previous requirement under No Child Left Behind (NCLB) for Supplemental Education Services (SES) and transportation for School Choice. In its place as identified in the Idaho Waiver (October 2012), Idaho now requires schools identified as Rapid Improvement and Turnaround to provide eligible students with extended learning time and enrollment options. Eligible students are defined as those students who are currently not proficient and who have not made adequate growth on the Reading, Math, or Language Usage ISAT.

Lapwai Middle-High School has been identified as in Rapid Improvement status. Our school is in the process of writing a plan to address how the needs of students who are currently not proficient and who have not made adequate growth will be met. Plans are reviewed and approved by the Idaho State Department of Education. If you, as a parent, would like to be involved in helping write this plan, please contact the school's principal.

School leadership has evaluated the school's schedule and has redesigned the schedule to include time for extended learning opportunities for eligible students. This extended learning time will occur outside of the time allotment that counts toward Average Daily Attendance. Extended learning time may include before school, after school, during the summer, or within the school day if the program is designed to extend learning time beyond that which is required by the State or if it provides support during times not traditionally scheduled for classes (e.g., lunchtime). Extended learning time will be provided by individuals who have a demonstrated track record of teaching students and ensuring significant academic growth, such as certified teachers, reading or mathematics specialists, highly qualified and experienced paraprofessionals, or external providers that have met high standards of performance. \

Extended learning time will be provided to participating eligible students for a minimum of two hours per week for at least 28 weeks. At the request of a student's family, these additional hours may terminate at any time. Additionally, if a student demonstrates proficiency in the subject area for which extended learning time is offered before the minimum number of hours are finished, the school may present progress monitoring and/or benchmark assessment to the family in order to make a recommendation that the extended learning time is no longer needed. Ultimately, it is the family's decision regarding whether or not to continue extended learning the entire length of time.

Parents of eligible students also have enrollment options, which replace the extended learning option. The enrollment options include, but are not limited to a district open enrollment policy as identified and governed by 33-1402 Idaho Code, Dual Enrollment as identified and governed by 33-203 Idaho Code, Virtual Education Programs as identified in 33-1619 Idaho Code, Online Courses as identified and outlined in 33-1627 Idaho Code, the Idaho Digital Learning Academy, the Idaho Education Network, and public charter schools include virtual public charter schools.

Sincerely,

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