

NILES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 21, 2009

Dear Parents,

Each elementary building in the Niles City Schools has changed from a "Title I Targeted Assistance" building to "Title I Schoolwide" building. Last school year the district and each building completed the Ohio Improvement Process (OIP). This process enabled our buildings to go through a data-based, comprehensive improvement analysis to identify specific, Schoolwide goals for improvement. These goals then became the focus for our building's Schoolwide plan. These goals will be shared with you at a parent meeting in October.

Title I Schoolwide programs are required to use scientifically based researched methodologies to identify programs and activities that will help ALL students achieve. A quick review of the Title I Schoolwide components show parental involvement, professional development for teachers, and service to identified at-risk students through effective, timely, additional assistance.

During the school day, Title I Schoolwide will continue to offer Reading Recovery and push-in/pull-out tutoring services. A Leveled Literacy Program will be introduced to some children. After school and summer intervention programs will also be offered. Information on these programs will be sent home throughout the school year.

Title I Schoolwide programs require a Parent/Teacher/Student Compact. This compact is attached. Please read the compact and return it to school signed. If you have questions, please call your building principal or you can call Renee Ruman, Title I Coordinator, at 330-652-2509.

Sincerely,

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