

**NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND
Public Law 107-110, Section 1116(b)(1)(E)**

**Illinois State Board of Education Guidance
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MAYO MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Paris Union School District #95 is committed to providing a high-quality educational program for your child. We are working hard to provide programs to help all students succeed in our school district.

Your child attends Mayo Middle School which receives federal Title I funds. These funds provide help for your child to meet state achievement standards. In the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years, the school did not meet the adequate yearly progress (AYP) targets. Your child's school is in school improvement which means the school has failed to make adequate yearly progress for 2 consecutive years in the same subject and is required to offer public school choice.

Our district's 2011 report card and the most recent AYP status report for your school show how your child's school compares to other schools in our district and state. These reports are available on our Web site, at your child's school, and at the school district office.

www.paris95.k12.il.us/Mayo

Your child's school has been identified because: 1) the special education subgroup did not make the target of 77.5 % proficient in reading for the 2010 school year; 2) the overall school did not make the target of 85.0% proficient in reading for the 2011 school year; 3) the economically disadvantaged did not make the target of 85.0% proficient in reading for the 2011 school year. The school is working to improve the school's academic program by:

- 1) District #95 changed from targeted assisted schools to school-wide Title I schools in order to be able to provide assistance to more students in reading.
- 2) District #95 hired three Title I Paraprofessionals to assist students who need additional help with reading at Mayo.
- 3) We purchased new 6th grade reading series to align with 7th and 8th grade series being used.
- 4) We will continue AimsWeb testing for benchmarks.
- 5) Title I will use AimsWeb results to identify students needing assistance for Differentiated Instruction.
- 6) ~~Title I will progress monitor students receiving additional reading help.~~
- 7) Staff will receive training in Accelerated Reading, STAR, AimsWeb, and Auto Skills.

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- 8) All staff will incorporate extended response questions in their classes.
- 9) Staff will receive common core standards training.
- 10) Staff will receive differentiated instruction training.

The district and the State Board of Education are working with your child's school to help improve the academic standards of the school. This is being accomplished by providing technical assistance to the teachers and administrators within your child's school.

However, this may not be enough and we want to request your help as the school addresses its academic problems. Listed below are some suggestions on how parents can become involved in addressing the academic issues that caused Mayo to be identified for school improvement.

- 1) Read daily with your child for 20-30 minutes and/or
- 2) Have your child read aloud to you for 20-30 minutes daily.
- 3) Provide a quiet time and place for your child to read and complete homework.
- 4) Discuss the books your child is reading to check for understanding.
- 5) Encourage your child to get as many AR points as possible. (They can get extra credit for going beyond their AR goal).
- 6) Read the same book your child reads to be able to discuss it with them.
- 7) Let your child see you reading.
- 8) Encourage your child to read one book per week during summer and other school vacations.
- 9) Attend monthly Title I parent meetings
- 10) Get involved in the Mayo Booster Club.
- 11) Encourage your child to attend homework club as needed. It is available before and after school five days/week.

The *No Child Left Behind Act* provides you, as a parent, the option to transfer your child to another public school within the district with transportation provided by the district. However, at this time we do not have a school within the district to which your child can transfer. We have contacted neighboring districts to request that they provide us with a school(s) we can offer you as an option. No school district has agreed to do so this school year.

Please call Melanie Ogle at 217-466-3050 if you have any questions about our education services.

Thank you,


Melanie Ogle