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School Improvement Notification

The federal education legislation, No Child Left Behind, mandates that all students must be proficient on math academic standards by 2014. Schools are expected to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) toward that goal. The state goal for last year was to have 83% of all students in grades 3-6 proficient in Math and this year the state goal is 92%. Walthill's State of the Schools Report may be located at www.reportcard.education.ne.gov or in the February/March newsletter.

Our school must meet the state goal in any area for two consecutive years to be removed as in School Improvement. If we do not meet this goal, the school will be "In Need of Improvement".

The Walthill Public Schools will be in School Improvement in Math for the school year 10-11 due to the fact that our English Language Learners did not meet AYP in Math during the 08-09 school year and our elementary did not meet the goal in 09-10. The school needs to meet AYP for two consecutive years to not be in school improvement. Students must be proficient or advanced on the Math state standards to meet Average Yearly Progress.

The Elementary School will be examining the Math Curriculum with our state standards, higher expectations per grade level, comparing MAP data from last year to this year, professional development for NeSA testing, Aimsweb/Dibels scores, more math drills, computer testing with learning key math concepts, and Math for 60 minutes a day plus RTI time.

As partners please contact the school with concerns or questions. If you would like to be a member of the school improvement team for Math, please contact the school. We would appreciate all parent involvement. Since there is only one elementary school in this district, there is not an option for parents to transfer their students to another school. Please assist in our endeavor to improve our Math scores by having students attend regularly and being responsible.

Sincerely,

Sandy Ostrand

The United States Department of Education requires that we post the public school choice information on our district website because our elementary school is identified as a school in need of improvement. As was stated in our parent/patron letter there is no option for our students to have a public school choice because our district has only one school at the elementary grade level. However, we are required to post the following information:

	<u>09-10</u>	<u>10-11</u>
# of students eligible for public school choice	293	263
# of students that participated in public school choice	0	0