

**BURLINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS**  
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Dear Burlington Township Middle School Families:

The *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001* requires that Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in Language Arts Literacy and Mathematics be measured annually for each school. To achieve AYP, schools must meet all of 41 indicators of performance, which include the results of state assessments in grades 3-8 and 11, as well as other indicators such as test participation and attendance. Missing one indicator results in the school not achieving AYP.

Under the law, AYP is calculated for the total school population and for subgroups of students, including: Students with Disabilities; Limited English Proficient; White; African-American; Asian/Pacific Islander; American Indian/Native American; Hispanic; Other; and Economically Disadvantaged.

If a school does not make AYP for two (2) or more consecutive years in the same content area (language arts literacy or mathematics), it is designated a "School In Need of Improvement." Under the law, I am required to inform you that the Burlington Township Middle School has been identified as a school in need of improvement. Detailed information regarding school and subgroup performance under the NCLB law can be found at <http://education.state.nj.us/rc/>.

To address our Middle School's improvement status, we have conducted a review of our Academic Achievement program, which serves children who either have not passed the state assessment or are at risk of not passing. Children in the Academic Achievement program receive supplemental instruction in mathematics and/or language arts through our lab classes. We are also conducting a review of our mathematics and language arts curriculum and instruction, as well as a detailed analysis of individual student achievement data to better assist students and to identify programmatic issues. As a requirement of the NCLB law we will also be offering contracted tutoring services to eligible Middle School students. Per the law, *students must be income eligible to receive the tutoring*. Parents/guardians of eligible students will receive information about these services.

All schools in need of improvement that receive federal Title I funds must assemble a school improvement committee to develop a plan of programs and activities to help increase student achievement. As a parent or guardian, you are encouraged to contact the school to inquire about opportunities for you to participate. You may contact the building

testing coordinator, Mrs. Regina Haley, Vice Principal, at [rhaley@burltwpsch.org](mailto:rhaley@burltwpsch.org) or 609-499-4021. You may also contact the Principal, Mr. Larry Penny with additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher M. Manno". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

Dr. Christopher Manno,  
*Superintendent of Schools*