

Tazewell County Public Schools

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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) requires schools to meet adequate yearly progress (AYP) goals each year in reading/language arts and mathematics. Schools that do not make AYP for two or more consecutive years in the same subject area are identified as being in School Improvement. North Tazewell Elementary School made AYP this year and must maintain this status another year.

The school division's report card and the most recent AYP status report for your child's school are available on-line at www.tazewell.k12.va.us and at North Tazewell Elementary School.

The school must meet AYP goals for two consecutive years in reading/language arts to move out of Title I School Improvement. The school is continuing to improve the school's academic performance by the implementation of a new reading program in K-5. Additionally, the Virginia Department of Education and the school division are working with your child's school to improve the academic performance of the school. Parents are encouraged to participate in improving the school's academic achievement by meeting on a regular basis with your child's teacher to discuss his/her educational progress; by attending PTO meetings and other school activities and by committing to read at least twenty (20) minutes per day with your child/children.

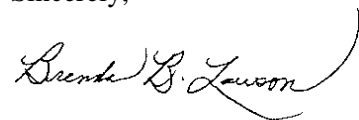
Under NCLB, all students enrolled in a Title I school in School Improvement have the opportunity to enroll in a school not designated for School Improvement. This transfer opportunity is known as public school choice. For the 2011-2012 school year, your child may remain at North Tazewell Elementary School or transfer to the following schools not identified for School Improvement:

Springville Elementary School or Abb's Valley Elementary School

Please complete a "Public School Choice Transfer Request" form (enclosed) for each child by August 8, 2011 and return to Mrs. Sarah Reid, principal, or Bonnie Cash, Title I Supervisor. The school division will respond to your request by August 15, 2011 with written notice regarding your child's school assignment. If your request is granted, transportation to the new school will be provided by the school division. Your child may remain at Springville Elementary or Abb's Valley Elementary School until North Tazewell Elementary moves out of School Improvement. If the request for transfers exceeds available funding, priority must be given to the lowest-achieving students from low-income families.

Please contact Bonnie Cash if you have questions about public school choice. You may also attend a meeting on Monday, August 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the library at North Tazewell Elementary School to receive more information about school choice.

Sincerely,



Brenda B. Lawson, Ed.D.
Division Superintendent