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Dear Parents or Guardian:

The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requires that all schools in the nation make Adequate Yearly Progress (APY) toward achieving the goal of all students being proficient in reading and math. As you may be aware, Paynesville Area Middle School has been designated as a school in need of improvement due to not making AYP for two consecutive years.

Not making AYP for a school is determined by aggregating the results of academic achievement measures in reading/language arts and mathematics, student participation rates in these assessments, graduation rates, and for elementary and middle schools, the attendance rates.

The following table provides the MCAII, attendance and graduation results for all groups of students. The symbol (---) indicates subgroups too small to have their data surmised by the state:

Student Group	**Math** Yes or No	**Reading** Yes or No	**Attendance** Yes or No	**Graduation Rate** Yes or No
All Students	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
American Indian	----	---	---	----
Asian	---	---	---	---
Black	---	---	---	---
ELL	---	---	---	---
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Hispanic	---	---	---	Yes
Special Education	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
White	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

A district improvement team will be analyzing all available assessment information to pinpoint strengths and challenges that will be addressed through professional development and a review of the curriculum.

We encourage you to be involved in improving the quality of education in our school district by talking with your child's teacher about how you can support your child's education, joining the district improvement team, or contacting the school district for more information.

Sincerely,

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