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Dear Parents/Guardian:

We are writing to inform you that Northwest Elementary School has been identified as in need of improvement. *School Improvement* means your school did not meet Ohio's goals in reading, mathematics or attendance for two years in a row or more. The students at Northwest Elementary School did not meet Ohio's goals in reading.

Once a school is in improvement status, parents are given a choice. Your child can attend a similar school that is NOT in need of improvement and the district will provide transportation. You have the following choice of schools: Valley Elementary School or Portsmouth West Elementary School. Information about those schools is available via the internet at www.valley.k12.oh.us or www.west.k12.oh.us.

The 'Public School Choice' option may be limited. Valley and Portsmouth West may have space limitations, so if you are interested in attending another school, contact the Northwest Board of Education Office by August 15, 2011 at 740-259-5558 and tell them you need information regarding Public School Choice.

If you decide to keep your child in the same school, simply have your child report to that school on the opening day.

Our school has improved since last year. You may view our local report card at [<http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/>]. The report card shows how well Northwest Elementary School did along with comparisons to other schools.

To help Northwest Elementary School get out of School Improvement, we have developed a plan (OIP) to help our students do better in reading for the coming year. One way we are working to improve is to fully implement "Response to Intervention" (RTI). We have also purchased software tools to help us monitor each individual child's progress. Those tools include Accelerated Reader (web version) and Aimswebb. They are valuable in helping us monitor and meet targets for individual students. You are invited to help us improve. Please contact Terri Pennington at 740-259-5558 ext. 4110, if you are you are interested in being part of a committee or would like more information on ways you can assist.

Sincerely,

A. Todd Jenkins
Superintendent

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