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Dear *Lapwai School District Patrons*,

Welcome to a new school year. This letter details the Lapwai School District progress toward state Reading and Mathematical goals and reviews options available to some students.

Each year, all districts are required to reach goals in Reading, Mathematics, and Language Arts. Districts must meet the proficiency targets in 41 different areas within these subjects. See attached Adequate Yearly Progress Report for the district's proficiency ratings. The full report is available from the Office of the Board of Education at <http://apps.sde.idaho.gov/AYP/Home/SelectPublic>.

The Lapwai School District is in *School Improvement Year 6* because *the categories of all students, American Indians, economically disadvantaged, and students with disabilities* did not meet the academic targets in *math*. In keeping with the No Child Left Behind [NCLB] law, the Lapwai School District may have education options available for individual students. Feel free to consult the District Superintendent on these options.

Districts do not take missing any goal lightly. The district is committed to using the best strategies to help individual students. The goal is for all students to be successful. To that end, districts will be providing strategies to help children who struggle to improve, such as:

- Working collaboratively in leadership teams to align district-level best practices with the *Nine Characteristics of High Performing Schools*, a research-based plan for school improvement.
- Simultaneously plan and implement initiatives to increase student achievement, ultimately raising the bar for all students and closing achievement gaps among students.
- District will use data-based evidence to monitor results, to make instructional decisions and for accountability.

There are many ways that you can be involved in helping us address the issues around District Improvement. Below are some ways local patrons can become involved:

- The Lapwai School District views families and the community as partners. Volunteer opportunities are available by contacting your child's principal. Please contact David Aiken, District Superintendent, for further information on how you can get involved in the school improvement process.

Thank you for your time, interest, and attention on this issue.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mike Rush
Executive Director