

Centralia City Schools, District 135

September 9, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Centralia City Schools is committed to providing a high-quality educational program for your child. We are working hard to provide programs to help all students succeed in our school district.

Your child attends Lincoln School which receives federal Title I funds. These funds provide help for your child to meet state achievement standards. In the 2010-2011 school year, the school did not meet the adequate yearly progress (AYP) targets. Your child's school is in school improvement which means the school has failed to make adequate yearly progress for 2 consecutive years in the same subject and is required to offer public school choice.

Our district's 2010 report card and the most recent AYP status report for your school show how your child's school compares to other schools in our district and state. These reports are available on our Web site, at your child's school, and at the school district office: [www.ccs135.com](http://www.ccs135.com).

Your child's school has been identified because the school did not meet the target of 85% in reading. Lincoln did not meet 85 % in for "all" students or for the "economically disadvantaged" group. Lincoln School is working to improve the school's academic program by: extending reading time; implementing more small group instruction; using scientifically research based materials for learning; and offering after school help. The district and the State Board of Education are working with your child's school to help improve the academic standards of the school. This is being accomplished by providing technical assistance to the teachers and administrators within your child's school.

This, however, may not be enough, and we want to request your help as the school addresses its academic problems. Parents can help by communicating with the teachers and school administration; working with their children at home; and meeting with school officials about programs to benefit both.

The *No Child Left Behind Act* provides you, as a parent, the option to transfer your child to another public school within the district with transportation provided by the district; however at this time we do not have a school within the district to which your child can transfer. We have contacted neighboring districts to request that they provide us with a school we can offer you as an option. No school district has agreed to do so this school year. Therefore, the option to transfer is not available at this time.

Please call Superintendent, David Rademacher if you have any questions about these services. You may also contact us to talk about options or to help you decide what is best for your child.

Sincerely,

David H. Rademacher,

