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Dear Windham District Parent:

We are pleased to inform you the Windham School District has made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) this school year in mathematics. As a result we remain a “District in Need of Improvement” (DINI) year 1 as opposed to year 2 in the area(s) of mathematics for at least one more year, but are very pleased with the progress our district has made on our DINI plan. State and federal as well as school and district accountability laws <sup>1</sup> require the New Hampshire Department of Education to identify for improvement districts not making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for two consecutive years in the same content area in each level existing within the district (elementary/middle and /or high school).

AYP is a measure that all states use to determine if schools and districts are meeting the high expectations for student performance set forth in state and federal accountability laws. Areas in which AYP are calculated include the rate of student participation in the annual state assessment, the extent to which students in general and students in specific groups are meeting the state performance targets for reading and mathematics, and the district’s attendance and graduation rates.

Based on a review of the district’s performance data in these areas for the 2010-11 school year, our district was identified for improvement. The district’s AYP reports are available on the New Hampshire Department of Education website at [www.ed.state.nh.us](http://www.ed.state.nh.us)

District AYP Determination		Elementary /Middle	High School
	Met Participation Goal	Yes	Yes
	Met Mathematics Goal	No	Yes
	Met Reading Goal	No	Yes
	Met Attendance Rate	Yes	Yes
	Met Graduation Rate	Yes	Yes
	<b>Made AYP</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>

<sup>1</sup> Section 6316 (c) of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (PL 107-110) and New Hampshire RSA 193-H

The district's AYP report measures student performance for all students in the grades tested as a group, as well as subgroups of students (i.e. racial and ethnic groups, English language learners, students with educational disabilities, and economically disadvantaged students). If even one of these groups does not meet their goal, or performance target, then the district will not have made AYP. (NOTE: Only groups equal to or larger than 11 are counted.)

As a District identified for improvement, our District will continue to implement, monitor and revise our DINI plan. As a parent, you are a critical partner in school and district improvement. All of us working together will ensure a successful improvement process and improve the quality of the education we provide for all students. If you are interested in helping in the improvement process, please call the SAU office at 603-425-1976 ext. 10, send an email to [alecaroz@sau28.org](mailto:alecaroz@sau28.org).

As we design and implement our improvement strategies, we will collaborate with the New Hampshire Department of Education representatives. We anticipate that our progress report will be available at the SAU office and on our website by September 2011. Please contact us if you would like to have a copy mailed to you. We are proud of our ongoing partnerships within our community to improve student achievement. Together, we will work to provide opportunities for success for each student in our district.

Sincerely,

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