

# *Riverside Elementary School*

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Dear Parents and Guardians;

Riverside Elementary School is dedicated to providing all students with an excellent education so that each child can succeed in school. To ensure your child's success, we have set high standards that are reflected in what is taught in our classrooms. In the coming school year we will look at multiple assessment measures that indicate how our school is succeeding. This will ensure that we reach our goal of all children succeeding in school.

This year Riverside Elementary School has been designated as a Continuous Improvement School. This is the result of the school being among the 25 percent of Title I schools with the lowest performance on the state's Multiple Measurement Rating (MMR), which measures school performance on student proficiency, academic growth, and achievement gap reduction. Riverside has met the previous goal by raising the number of students reaching the proficiency levels in reading and math. Now we are challenged with maintaining and continuing to show growth in all of our students.

Continuous Improvement Schools must use student performance data to undergo a needs assessment. A needs assessment is a systematic process whereby we analyze school data in order to make decisions on how to improve the school. We will undertake that process in the coming weeks and months, and will use the results of the needs assessment to create a school improvement plan aimed at helping all students reach their full potential. In order to accomplish this important work, we will put together an improvement team which includes a variety of stakeholders, including parents.

We are looking forward to a great year. Riverside Elementary School will have its annual meeting to inform parents about our Title I program and revise the parent involvement plan. This meeting is scheduled for late November. You can also be involved by volunteering at the school or participating on one of the school improvement committees. Please contact the school at 507-995-2618 if you are interested.

Sincerely,

Joel Timmerman, Principal  
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