

January 20, 2011

Dear Parent:

Hamblen County Schools has received its state report card. I am pleased to share with you that based on student performance, our district is in good standing. Our district is composed of 18 schools. 94.4% of our district schools have met achievement goals for reading, language arts, and mathematics. Based on mathematics scores, Meadowview Middle School was identified by the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) as a "High Priority" school in School Improvement I for the 2010-2011 school year.

Tennessee has adopted new, more rigorous standards and assessments for grades K-12. This delayed the adequate yearly progress (AYP) determination until new cut scores and performance levels could be established by the state. Following the new AYP determinations, any school newly identified as "High Priority" is required to notify parents of the option for public school choice two weeks after the final determinations are announced. For these schools, Public School Choice will be offered for the 2010-2011 spring semester.

Our school's current status, School Improvement I means that students did not meet state and federal goals in Math. The TDOE Statewide Report Card indicates that three of the district's middle schools met state and federal goals. Hamblen County students scored very much like their Tennessee peers. Thirty-four percent of the Tennessee students and thirty-four percent of Hamblen County students scored proficient or advanced in mathematics.

Because Meadowview Middle School is a Title I high priority school, your child is eligible to transfer to another public school in the district. Should you decide to not disrupt your child's school year at this point, you will be offered School Choice again in the fall for next year. You may choose to transfer your child to one of the following schools:

<u>Choice School</u>	<b>% of Students Proficient &amp; Advanced in Math in 2009-2010 (Target 20%)</b>	<b>% of Students Proficient &amp; Advanced in Reading in 2009-2010 (Target 32%)</b>	<b>Attendance Rate in 2009-2010 (Target 93%)</b>
Lincoln Heights Middle	19%	45%	94.6%
West View Middle	38%	64%	94.7%

If you choose to transfer your child, please be aware of the following:

- The district will provide or pay for transportation to and from your child's Choice School as long as the Meadowview Middle School is a High Priority school identified for improvement. If the Meadowview Middle School meets achievement goals for two straight years, it will no longer be a High Priority school.
- Your child will be allowed to remain at the new school until he/she completes the highest grade at that school.

- If funds are not available for all students to be transported, priority for transportation will be given to lowest-achieving students from low-income families.
- If requests for a Choice School exceed that school's capacity, priority for first choice will be given to lowest-achieving students from low-income families.

Our school is working hard with the state and district to increase student achievement in math and reading by reworking the master schedule, providing additional math teachers, and tutoring services with certified teachers, as well as on-line computer tutoring. Additionally, transportation is provided after tutoring. Meadowview provides a small teacher-pupil ratio to give each child the individual attention that he or she deserves. We encourage you to help by working with your child to complete math assignments, working on multiplication facts, attending parent meetings and trainings, attending parent conferences in March, and allowing your child to stay for tutoring services offered at Meadowview.

If you would like for your child to transfer, you must complete the attached form. Return it no later than February 7, 2011, by mail or hand delivery to the Meadowview School office or to the Office of Federal Programs located in the Central Office at 210 East Morris Boulevard. A self-addressed stamped envelope is included for your convenience. The Office of Federal Programs of the district will notify you by mail to provide transportation information and the date your child may start attending the Choice School. Please contact me at the school office (581.6360) or Kim Fox at 423.586.7700, if you have questions or need more information.

As I close, thank you for your support of Meadowview. Our doors are always open. I am always available to you and your child at the school office.

Sincerely,

Dominique Salaciak, Principal

Enclosure: School Choice Request Form