



Fontana Unified School District

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Dear Fontana Family:

This letter is to inform you that for the 2015/2016 school year, **Hemlock Elementary** continues to be identified as a Year 3 Program Improvement (PI) school under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001. A provision of NCLB allows all students in a PI Year 3 the following options:

Public School Choice
or
Supplemental Educational Services (SES)/Free Tutoring

The intent of this letter is to discuss the Public School Choice Option. Parents will be sent a separate notification and application for SES/Free Tutoring after 2015/2016 school year begins. **Parents may select only one option.**

What is PI?

The Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requires the state and district to review annually the academic progress of federally funded Title I schools and to identify schools in need of improvement. Last year, these schools were identified as PI schools after two consecutive years of not making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). California determined AYP by considering the following three measures:

- The percentage of students scoring at the "proficient" or "advanced" level on the California Standards Tests for English-Language Arts and Mathematics;
- The percentage of students participating in those tests; and
- California's own accountability measurement of progress, the Academic Performance Index (API).

Public School Choice: What right does a parent have to request a transfer to a school that is not in PI?

All parents/guardians of students attending a PI school have the right to request a transfer of their child(ren) to a non-PI district school with district-paid transportation.

For parents/guardians who select this option, the district will provide transportation to the non-PI school for as long as the home school continues to be identified as a PI school. The number of students who can transfer with paid transportation may be limited by the amount of money available to pay for transportation costs. If there is not enough money available, the lowest-achieving students from low-income families will be given priority.

If you are interested in transferring your child(ren) to Dorothy Grant Elementary for the 2015/2016 school year, please complete and submit a Public School Choice Application.

Name of School (2012-13 data)	API Scores*	Schoolwide Percent of Proficient or above in English-Language Arts** Target = 89.2%	Schoolwide Percent of Proficient or above in Mathematics** Target = 89.5%
Hemlock Elementary	808	55%	66.5%
Dorothy Grant Elementary	841	56.9%	78.2%

*800 on the API = Meeting the state proficiency target for schools on the Academic Performance Index

**Percentage targets vary by grade span

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Dorothy Grant Elementary has an Academic Performance Index (API) score of 841 out of the statewide performance target of 800 and is not in Program Improvement.

How can parents become involved?

Parents can help to improve student achievement at their child's school by becoming involved. Here are some things you can do:

- Learn more about the new NCLB requirements. Additional information and resources are available at the following Web sites:
 - The California Department of Education, <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/sw/t1/titleparta.asp> and <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/sw/t1/titlelpf.asp>
 - The U.S. Department of Education, <http://www.ed.gov> and <http://www.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml?src=fp>
- Attend the School Site Council (SSC) meetings to assist with required Program Improvement decision making.
- Volunteer to help in your child's classroom or in the school's office.
- Participate in parent trainings at your child's school. Research shows that strong parental involvement leads to student success at school.

If you choose to transfer your child to a non-Program Improvement school, please complete a Title I Parental School Choice transfer application and return it to your child's school office no later than Friday, May 22, 2015. You may obtain an application from your home school, the District Office or Enrollment Center, or visit the District's "Quick Links" link at www.fusd.net, select "District Performance," and select the "School Choice Program" link.

If you would like more information about this school, please contact the school directly or the Categorical Programs Office at (909) 357-7600, extension 29178 or 29172. You may also go to the district's Web site at www.fusd.net.

Sincerely,

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