**HILLSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**New Pathways**

**New Possibilities**

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

All Hillside Public Schools are designated schoolwide Title I schools. This means that federal Title I funds are used to improve instructional programs for disadvantaged students. The schoolwide approach is based on a support system for serving all students. Using assessment scores and classroom data, students are identified as needing extra support in reading and/or math.

In addition to schoolwide Title I services for students, all district schools will provide parents with opportunities to review and give input toward School Improvement Plans, policies, and school-parent-student compacts.

Communication with families will address the following Title I components:

* Providing rigorous, effective instruction in all content by highly qualified teachers and staff;
* Offering high-quality, ongoing professional learning opportunities for staff;
* Creating strategies to increase parental involvement as well as including parent feedback and input into all policies and improvement plans;
* Implementing district systems to ensure that students who experience difficulty attaining proficiency receive effective, timely, additional assistance; and
* Ensuring that plans are reviewed on-going and revised when necessary. Parents can request their child’s performance levels on statewide assessments. Please get in touch with your child’s homeroom/advisory teacher or building principal for this information. Parents also have the right to request information regarding their child’s teacher’s qualifications. If you have questions or concerns about this or our District Policy and Programs, please feel free to contact your building principal or Dr. James Bevere

The district’s highest priority is to provide each student with the necessary skills to succeed throughout their school experience and prepare to enter college or begin a career upon graduation. We are committed to high expectations for students and staff to meet these goals. We look forward to working with all parents, guardians, and family members to create the most effective school experience for all students in the Hillside Public Schools.