

June 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Hermon-DeKalb Central School District receives federal Title 1 funds to help ensure that all students meet challenging academic standards. With the funding come performance expectations for assessment scores and graduation rate. Traditionally, our school has been in good standing. However, we have been named a Focus School due to our low scores on our grades 3-8 Math and ELA exams for our economically disadvantaged students in the 14-15 school year.

For this reason, we are required to offer School Choice and let parents choose a school in our district to attend, but there is only one school in the district and no neighboring schools are available. Our mission will be to use federal funding to improve outcomes for all students through increased parent engagement and staff professional development.

We will continue to work to have our students college and career ready. We will receive a state review of our district by the NYS Integrated Intervention Team (IIT) in early June and complete a Diagnostic Tool for District Effectiveness (DTSDE). This will allow us to take a critical view of the district practices and develop an improvement plan for the future.

Parent support is essential to the success of Hermon-DeKalb Central School. Communicating with your child's teacher, making sure your child attends school regularly, helping your child with homework, monitoring your child's activities and participating in school decision making are important.

If you have any questions about this information, please call me or Megan Foster school principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M" and "W".

Mark White
Superintendent