

Central Elementary School is now a Schoolwide Title I School

### What is a Schoolwide Program?

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Dear Parent and Guardians,

During the 2018-2019 school year, Central Elementary applied to the Pennsylvania Department of Education to move from a Title I Targeted Assistance School to a Schoolwide School. A Schoolwide Title I Program is a method of delivering Title I services that allows the school to address the educational needs of all students in a school community. In a Schoolwide model, Title I services can provide comprehensive strategies for improving the entire school such that every student can achieve at high levels of academic proficiency.

Schoolwide Programs serve all students in the school. All staff, resources and classes are a part of the overall Schoolwide Program. The purpose is to generate high levels of academic achievement in the core subject areas. Central Elementary will be focusing on Language Arts/reading. This will be achieved through high quality instruction and programming based on scientifically based research, strategies and methods to improve teacher development.

Some students simply need more time or alternative teaching methodologies. Some students need direct and explicit instruction in order to succeed. Classroom teachers and Title I staff will use data from diagnostic assessments, benchmark assessments and evidence of classroom performance to determine those students showing greatest need. Students showing the greatest need and who are not receiving Special Education services are served first.

How are parents involved in the process?

- First, parents are notified about Title I services.
- Parents, Teachers and students sign a compact that indicated the shared responsibilities of the school, child and the parents and the goals for success.
- Parents are encouraged to participate in school activities and meetings.
- Parents may participate in Title I meetings and learning opportunities.
- Parents are also provided Title I information via newsletters, conferences and parent improvement plans.

What can parents do?

- Please share a love of learning and set a good example by reading, writing letters, and lists, etc.
- Make learning fun by playing educational games, visiting the library and listening to and talking to your child.
- Show an interest in your child's school day by asking specific questions and praising effort and improvement.

Eligible students and their families will receive the Title I compact during the first week of school.

We welcome your feedback and ideas about our Title I Services. We look forward to delivering our Title I services schoolwide. This will be a great benefit to our students.

Sincerely,

Tambra Isenberg

Title I Reading Specialist