

Mancelona Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Families.

Mancelona Elementary School receives federal funds each year from Title I. Title I is a program for schools that provides money to support the academic achievement of students who may be at risk of falling below the State academic standards. Title I offers Targeted Assistance or Schoolwide Programs to schools depending upon the level of socioeconomic need in the area. Mancelona Elementary School and Mancelona Middle School are Title I Schoolwide programs, which means that funds may be used to support the academic growth of all students.

This letter is intended to be notification that our school receives these Title I funds. Mancelona Elementary School's goals are to increase the academic achievement of all students in reading, math, science, and social studies. To support the instruction of the State's academic standards, our school utilizes CKLA for reading, Math Expressions for math, and additional programs for science and social studies. Your child's progress is formally assessed at least three times per year using NWEA and AIMSweb so we can compare your child's progress to other students across the country. The State's M-STEP test is given annually to 3rd and 4th grade students to measure reading and math proficiency. At Mancelona Elementary School, we strive to raise all students to (or above) the state and national averages.

In addition to these curricular and instructional strategies, Mancelona Elementary School must notify parents and families of parent involvement opportunities. MES intends to involve parents in their children's educations by sharing our Student, Parent, and Teacher Compact and the Parent Involvement Policy on at least an annual basis. At the fall parent-teacher conferences, 134 families shared feedback indicating that more than 86% agreed or strongly agreed that the Parent Involvement Policy was appropriate for families in Mancelona. Families reported that evenings are the best time to participate in their child's education, but all times throughout the day were preferred for different families. Survey results also indicated that most families would participate without additional strategies or supports, but it is possible that providing childcare or offering prizes might increase the likelihood of families participating in school activities.

Thank you for your continued collaboration and efforts to increase student achievement at Mancelona Elementary School. Your child's reading, math, science, and social studies achievement will grow as you support the school and your child's learning at home. Please contact your child's teacher or the building principal if you would like to become more involved in the school's Title I program development and evaluation.

Respectfully,

Tina Frolo
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Title I Director