

PITTSFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear PES Parents/Guardians:

I am writing to inform you that Pittsfield Elementary School has been identified by the New Hampshire Department of Education as a "School in Need of Improvement" in the area(s) of math and reading. This notice will also describe the school choice option parents/guardians have for their children and our plans for improved performance for all children.

In January of 2002 President Bush signed a new education law called *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB). The long-range goal of NCLB is that every child will be proficient in reading and mathematics according to a state's academic standards. Pittsfield Elementary School has not made the state target goal in math and reading for two consecutive years, which is why we have been identified as a School in Need of Improvement.

Under the *No Child Left Behind Act* each Title I school identified as a "School in Need of Improvement" is required to provide public school choice. Since there is only one elementary school in the district, public school choice is not an option for Pittsfield's children.

Comparative data for the state, Pittsfield Elementary School and area elementary schools serving students in grades 3-6 is below.

Group or sub group		Percent of Students Substantially Below Proficient	Percent of Students Partially Proficient	Percent of Students Proficient	Percent of Students Proficient with Distinction	AYP Status: Made AYP for 2010?
State of New Hampshire (3-8)	Read	7%	17%	56%	21%	N/A
	Math	15%	18%	44%	22%	N/A
Pittsfield Elementary School (3-6)	Read	12%	24%	55%	9%	no
	Math	17%	18%	49%	16%	no
Barnstead Elementary School (3-8)	Read	9%	24%	56%	9%	no
	Math	18%	17%	45%	20%	no
Chichester Central School (3-8)	Read	2%	12%	63%	23%	yes
	Math	6%	13%	45%	36%	yes
Henry Wilson Mem. School Farmington (4-8)	Read	12%	25%	53%	10%	no
	Math	20%	26%	41%	13%	no

Our school is working closely with district and NH Department of Education representatives to be able to identify key areas for improvement. Several improvement initiatives are underway, including REACH block, morning math groups, and full-day Title I kindergarten.

As a parent you are also a critical partner in school improvement. All of us working together will ensure the development of a successful improvement plan and improve the quality of the education we provide for all of our students. If you are interested in helping in the improvement process, please call the school at 435-8432, send an email to me at kilmister@pittsfield.k12.nh.us.edu, or stop by the office.

I look forward to working with you to provide opportunities for success for each of our students. We anticipate that our detailed plan for improvement will be available in the school office by September, 2011. Please contact the school if you would like to have a copy mailed to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug Kilmister". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Doug Kilmister, Principal