

**Notice of Adequate Yearly Progress, Public School Choice
Please Read: Important Information Affecting Your Child**

September 24, 2007

Dear Canadochly Elementary School Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

I am writing to let you know that Canadochly Elementary School did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the second year in a row, based on 2006-2007 Pennsylvania System of State Assessment (PSSA) results. AYP is the minimum level of improvement that schools and districts must make each year toward the goal of having all students make the proficient level or above in reading and math by 2014. Failure of any one subgroup to meet the targets will result in a school not making AYP, even if the school as a whole made AYP.

Pennsylvania's 2007 target for math proficiency was 45%, while its goal for reading proficiency was 54%. In 2007, 69.2% of Pennsylvania's students were on grade level (proficient or advanced) in math. In reading, students on grade level reached 67.7%.

The following PSSA results indicate how Canadochly Elementary School's students performed on the PSSA. The state's academic achievement targets are 54% in Reading. The overall student population in each grade level made AYP. However, two subgroups of students in each grade level did not make AYP. Those subgroups are the students with individualized education plans (learning support) and those students who are economically disadvantaged (identified by free and reduced lunch).

- 3rd Grade Students Overall: **MADE AYP** 75.4 % achieved Proficient or Advanced
 - 3rd Grade Students with Individualized Education Plans: **DID NOT MAKE AYP:** 0% Proficient or Advanced
 - 3rd Grade Economically Disadvantaged Students: **DID NOT MAKE AYP:** 40% Proficient or Advanced
- 4th Grade Students Overall: **MADE AYP** 60.2% achieved Proficient or Advanced
 - 4th Grade Students with Individualized Education Plans: **DID NOT MAKE AYP** 13.3 % Proficient or Advanced
 - 4th Grade Economically Disadvantaged Students: **DID NOT MAKE AYP** 37.5% Proficient or Advanced
- 5th Grade Students Overall : **MADE AYP** 42.7 % Proficient or Advanced
 - 5th Grade Students with Individualized Education Plans: **DID NOT MAKE AYP** 5.6 % Proficient or Advanced
 - 5th Grade Economically Disadvantaged Students: **DID NOT MAKE AYP** 28.6 % Proficient or Advanced

Overall, 22.5 percent of Pennsylvania schools did not make AYP based on 2006-2007 PSSA results. We are currently in the process of conducting an in depth needs assessment for our instructional programs at Canadochly Elementary School. By October 30, 2007, Canadochly Elementary School will submit a two year plan with key strategies for instructional improvement. After this school improvement plan is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, it will be shared with the parents of Canadochly Elementary School students.

Please know that the faculty and staff at Canadochly Elementary School have a relationship with your child and want to continue serving your child all the way through fifth grade. On August 21, 2007 a letter offering school choice was sent to the parents of each Canadochly Elementary School student. In that letter, Eastern York School District provided an opportunity for parents who felt their child would be better served in another school in the district, to request a transfer for their child to one of the following schools: (1) Wrightsville Elementary School or (2) Kreutz Creek Elementary School. To date, there has been one request for a child to transfer out of Canadochly Elementary School.

Parent support is essential to the success of Canadochly Elementary School. Communicating with your child's teachers, making sure your child attends school regularly, helping your child with homework, monitoring your child's television time, volunteering in the classroom, and participating in school decision-making are important.

The district-wide parent involvement policy will be updated this fall. If you are interested in providing input into this policy, please call Ms. Landis at 717-252-3674. In addition, Canadochly Elementary School will have its annual meeting to revise our school parent involvement policy and parent compact and to review parent rights under Title I. This meeting is currently being scheduled for an evening in October. Parents are encouraged to participate in the Parent teacher Organization which meets monthly. Volunteer help is always needed in the cafeteria and at recess. Contact your child's teacher and offer your services in the classroom.

The many successes at Canadochly Elementary School cannot be measured in one test and we appreciate your continued support. Canadochly School teachers and staff have worked hard at developing an after school tutoring program which has helped students improve in reading and mathematics. It is our hope to expand program by offering morning session as well as continuing the after school program which will again provide bus transportation at no cost to the parents. Last year Canadochly teachers piloted a new reading series which has been adopted by the elementary schools in our district. This series is aligned with Pennsylvania standards for reading.

We must admit, however, that if ALL of our students are not doing well, we are not as good as we want to be. That is our challenge, our goal and our commitment. Please continue to work with us to make sure that we achieve success for every student.

Sincerely,

Ms. Mary Jo Moczulski;
Canadochly Elementary School Principal