



West Elementary School

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RE: Title I School-Wide Program

Spearfish Elementary School Parent/Guardian(s),

Spearfish School District is pleased to offer our students support through our *School-Wide Title I* programming. Title I, Part A (Title I) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provides financial assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards. With 100% state-certified staff in areas of instruction, Spearfish Schools offer Title programming in grades K-5 at Mountain View, West, and Creekside Elementary schools. All students are eligible for Title I services.

In Spearfish, the Title I program works in conjunction with our MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) program ensuring the academic and behavioral needs of all students are met. Universal screening of all learners for reading and literacy is provided through DIBELS, Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy, and benchmark assessment of learners in math and literacy with the NWEA MAPS assessment are completed three times annually. The Smarter-Balanced Assessment is given to students in grades 3-8, and 11 in the District. Through Title I our instructional interventions, class-size reduction, individualized pull-out instruction, after-school tutoring, and summer school programming offer additional resources and programming opportunities for students.

In support of our Title I programming, Spearfish Schools maintain an annual school improvement plan, conduct a data analysis of student performance, share our District and State's annual Report Card, provide assessment reports and testing transparency, host a variety of planning and organizational meetings, promote parental engagement, and maintain policies related to parent involvement and the parent-school compact.

Title I programming is reviewed annually, with multiple opportunities for parent and stakeholder input. Additional information about our Title I program can be found in our school handbooks, and on our website at <http://spearfish.k12.sd.us/District/Notices/Notices.html>

If you have questions regarding Title I programs or services, please contact Spearfish School District Title I Director, Mr. Nick Gottlob, or your child's Principal. Thank you for your continued support of Spearfish Public Schools.

Regards,

Spearfish Elementary Schools