

**HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 90

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Dear Hampton School District Parent:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Hampton School District has been identified as a “District in Need of Improvement” in the area(s) of math and reading. State and federal school and district accountability laws require the New Hampshire Department of Education to identify for improvement districts not making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for two consecutive years in the same content area in each level existing within the district (elementary/middle and/or high school).

AYP is a measure that all states use to determine if schools and districts are meeting the high expectations for student performance set forth in state and federal accountability law. Areas in which AYP are calculated include the rate of student participation in the annual state assessment, the extent to which students in general and students in specific group are meeting the state performance targets for reading and mathematics, and the district’s attendance and graduation rates.

Based on a review of the district’s performance data in these areas for the 2011-2012 school year, our district was identified for improvement. The district’s AYP reports are available on the New Hampshire Department of Education website at [www.ed.state.nh.us](http://www.ed.state.nh.us).

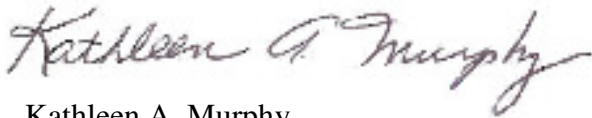
		<b>Elementary /Middle</b>	<b>High School</b>
District AYP Determination	<b>Met Participation Goal</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>N/A</b>
	Met Mathematics Goal	No	N/A
	Met Reading Goal	No	N/A
	Met Attendance Rate	Yes	N/A
	Met Graduation Rate	Yes	N/A
	<b>Made AYP</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>

The district’s AYP report measures student performance for all students in the grades tested as a group, as well as subgroups of students (i.e. racial and ethnic groups, English language learners, students with educational disabilities, and economically disadvantaged students). If even one of these groups does not meet their goal, or performance target, then the district will not have made AYP. (NOTE: Only groups equal to or larger than 11 are counted.)

As a District identified for improvement, our District must develop an Improvement Plan in consultation with school staff and parents. As a parent, you are a critical partner in school and district 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 students. If you are interested in helping in the improvement process, please call the SAU office at 926-4560, send an email to [kmurphy@sau90.org](mailto:kmurphy@sau90.org), or stop by the office.

As we design and implement our improvement strategies, we will collaborate with the New Hampshire Department of Education representatives. We anticipate that our detailed plan for improvement will be available at the SAU office by September 2011. Please contact us if you would like to have a copy mailed to you. We are proud of our ongoing partnerships within our community to improve student achievement. Together, we will work to provide opportunities for success for each student in our district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen A. Murphy".

Kathleen A. Murphy  
Superintendent of Schools  
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