

MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

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Welcome to the MVSD District Program Improvement Update. This bulletin is provided to the MVSD community as an information piece to explain and clarify the meaning of our status as a Program Improvement 3 (PI 3) school district.

In 2007, despite meeting every subgroup requirement (e.g. English learners) for NCLB and being well on our way to exiting program improvement, MVSD was named a PI 3 district as a result of the State of California failing to test the required 95% of special education students in English language arts. In MVSD 100% of our special education students were tested, while other districts in the State failed to test the 95% requirement resulting in ALL California school districts being penalized by the federal government and MVSD landing in PI 3 status.

Across the State, 97 districts were identified as PI 3 and each district was ranked from those with the most need of support to those with the least amount of support needed. MVSD ranked 84th on the list requiring minimal support in the form of "Technical Assistance."

Through the Program Improvement system all Districts, regardless of their rank, are subject to "**corrective action.**" This action is imposed by the NCLB federal requirements written in State law and requires each district to:

- "institute and fully implement new curriculum that is based on the California content standards," and "provide appropriate professional development based on scientifically-based research for all staff," that will "improve the educational achievement for high priority pupils;" and
- amend its Local Education Plan Addendum identifying objectives and action steps to fully implement the corrective action. This plan must be submitted by July 1, 2008 and implemented in 2008-2009.

For MVSD Corrective Action means:

- ▶▶ That we must adopt the most current curriculum in the State adoption cycle. This year we are adopting a new Mathematics Program, Grades K-8.
- ▶▶ That all teachers, administrators, and classified staff must be trained to deliver high quality instruction for students. We plan to provide initial mathematics training on the first staff development day in August 2008. We plan to provide SB472 mathematics training during the summer of 2009.
- ▶▶ The District must write a plan identifying objectives and actions to fully implement the corrective action that must be Board approved and submitted by July 1, 2008. The District School Liaison Team (DSLTL) examined the proposed Addendum June 12, 2008, and made recommendations for the final revision.

MVSD Forms District School Liaison Team (DSLTL)

The District School Liaison Team (DSLTL) is a committee that will be meeting throughout the year to monitor the LEA Plan. The DSLTL committee is made up of stakeholders from MVSD representing teachers, administration, classified staff and parents. The first DSLTL meeting was held, June 12, 2:30-4:30 p.m. During this meeting, Mrs. Linda Reed, our State Technical Assistance Provider from LACOE, provided background information to committee members on our PI 3 status. Additionally, the proposed LEA Addendum was reviewed and recommendations were made to the plan. The revised LEA Addendum was presented to the Board of Education, July 3, 2008 for approval. DSLTL meetings scheduled for the 2008-2009 school year include October 20, January 26, March 30 and June 1.