

**John F. Kennedy Elementary School
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Dear Parents and Families:

Vermont received a waiver allowing us to disregard the assessment results for accountability purposes in this first year of administration. This means that our adequate yearly progress (AYP) status has not changed from last year.

The Winooski School District-JFK Elementary was identified by the Vermont Agency of Education as a school in need of improvement (Year 4 Corrective Action) based on student performance on state assessments in math and reading taken in the fall of 2013. Our school did not make adequate yearly progress (AYP) in reading or mathematics for the categories of All Students, Economically Disadvantaged Students (designated by FRL – Free and Reduced Lunch), White and English Language Learners (ELL) Also, for the first time we did not meet the Academic Indicator which is defined as the % of students in the lowest achievement level of the reading test.

JFK Elementary, with technical assistance from the Vermont Agency of Education (AOE), will continue to implement our school improvement plan. Our plan calls for restructuring and we will be implementing this through the shared leadership model. We will create an action planning team consisting of teachers and principal with the focus on instruction and assessment.

We continue to use data from the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) to complement our local assessments. We have written our school improvement plan with an eye to better address student needs as determined by the analysis of data we have collected. This document sets our goals for academic achievement in reading, writing, math and social learning as well as needed professional development for our staff over three years.

We invite parents to become partners with us in their child's education. We have a PACTS committee comprised of parents and teachers. We welcome new members. Also, families have access to Supplemental Education Services (SES) that offers free additional academic support outside the regular school day. Please check our website or call 655-0411 for more information about PACTS and SES. We look forward to working with you through the year to improve the educational experience for all children.

Sincerely,

Sara Raabe
Principal