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Dear Parent or Guardian of Adena Middle School Students,

Under the No Child Left Behind Act, each state is required to assess all schools to determine if the school has made adequate yearly progress (AYP) toward meeting goals in reading, mathematics and attendance. If the school has not made progress for two consecutive years, it is considered "in need of improvement." While we were At Risk last year, this letter is to inform you that Adena Middle School has been identified in need of improvement based on the results of the Spring 2011 academic testing. The results of the Spring 2011 academic testing in reading and mathematics indicated that Adena Middle School students did not meet Ohio's goals in the following areas: math for economically disadvantaged students and for students with disabilities. To view your state's report card or to compare your school to others in Ohio, please visit the state website at <http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/>.

In the meantime, Adena Middle School is still under several conditions of school improvement since they receive Title I federal funding. One condition of school improvement is that students have the option of transferring to a school in a surrounding district that is NOT in need of improvement. Once a school is in improvement status, parents are given a choice. Your child can attend a similar school that is NOT in need of improvement and the district will provide transportation. Adena Local Schools has contacted some surrounding school districts that meet the qualifications and at this time, they are unable to accept students. However, you may choose to place your child in any community school NOT in improvement status. Information regarding community schools can be found at http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/Schools/Comm_School_list.asp.

It is important for our schools to continue to improve and ensure success for all students. We are reviewing the school improvement plans to identify ways to strengthen instructional and support programs. Parents and community members are invited as well as encouraged to become involved in helping us make improvements. You may contact your building principal if you are interested in helping. Our district and the Ohio Department of Education are working closely with the schools to provide professional development and technical assistance to improve curriculum, instruction, and assessment as needed.

Thank you for all that you do to support your child's education. If you have any further questions, please call the building principal or central office.

Sincerely,

Dave Warne
Superintendent