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Dear Silver Lake Parent or Guardian:

Good news! We are pleased to say that Silver Lake Elementary was among the 87% of elementary schools in the state of Delaware (and 100% of the elementary schools in Appoquinimink School District) that met AYP requirements this year. Even though Silver Lake Elementary received a Superior rating this year, SLE is also categorized as being in "Improvement Year 1" because this school has not met AYP for two consecutive years. Should SLE meet AYP again the upcoming 2011/2012 school year, the school would find itself removed from this current "Under Improvement" status.

You may recall that reading scores among a key subgroup, African American students, did not meet the adequate yearly progress goals identified under the federal *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (previously No Child Left Behind)* last year. So this year's results were an important validation of the efforts we have made to ensure that each child has the tools he/she needs to be successful.

If our progress continues for a second year, with Silver Lake students continuing to meet/exceed annual yearly progress goals in all specified areas, we will no longer be designated under improvement. But for this year, we will continue to offer all the same supports and options to our families to ensure our progress continues on track.

As a parent/guardian, you can look forward to the following support for Silver Lake students provided by the district and school:

1. Maintaining our commitment to provide a dedicated Reading Specialist and paraprofessional whose job it is to support students who are struggling. (Funding cutbacks have forced many districts to eliminate this much-needed position.)
2. Deepening our commitment to training and implementation of *Learning Focused Strategies*, an approach that emphasizes teacher collaboration and the continuous review of school and classroom data in order to put in place timely, directed interventions for students.
3. Providing mentoring services for identified students.
4. Actively joining with our Parent Involvement Committee and district level committees to share programs and services designed to support children who are not achieving at grade-level.
5. Creating opportunities for parents to join us in the classroom where you'll help deliver hands-on lessons in English Language Arts to our students.
6. Building relationships with our incoming Grade 1 Students and families via home visits this summer.

Your involvement is critical to our success. Here are ways you can help:

1. Become a member of the Parent Teacher Association.
2. Offer your input to the School Improvement Team.
3. Volunteer in our school.
4. Mentor a deserving student (30-45 minutes/week with free training provided).
5. Attend parent conferences with your child's teachers.



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6. Make sure your child is prepared and attends school each day.
7. Monitor your child's homework and class grades.

Silver Lake will kick off its 2011-12 parent involvement efforts with special presentations at the following events. **Please be sure to mark your calendar and join us:**

- Grade 1: Ready, Set, Learn August 16, 2011 (Tuesday) 6:30-7:15 p.m.
- Meet the Teacher Night August 25, 2011 (Thursday) 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Grade 1-3: Open House September 8, 2011 (Thursday) 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Grade 4-5: Open House September 15, 2011 (Thursday) 7:00-8:00 p.m.

While I sincerely hope that you will elect to stay at Silver Lake Elementary with your children, and work with us to build excellence in all areas, we will continue to offer public school "choice" for a second year, including free transportation, for any families enrolled at our school who may desire this option.*

Two schools in our district have been officially designated as ESEA "choice" options for the 2011-12 school year. Information about both schools follows at the end of this letter.

- Bunker Hill Elementary, 1070 Bunker Hill Road, Middletown, DE 19709
- Townsend Elementary, 126 Main Street, Townsend, DE 19730

If, as the staff and I hope, you want your child to remain at Silver Lake Elementary, you do not need to take any additional action upon receiving this letter. However, if it is your desire to transfer your student to either Bunker Hill Elementary or Townsend Elementary, you will need to complete the enclosed ESEA School Choice Selection Form. If you have more than one child attending Silver Lake, indicate the name of each child you wish to transfer, and return that information to my attention at Silver Lake Elementary by 4:00 p.m. on August 17, 2011.

In closing, I'd like to express my deep appreciation for your past and continued support of our students and school. The many successes at Silver Lake Elementary cannot be measured in one test. Our students and staff have developed a special bond, and we want to continue serving your child throughout his/her elementary career.

If you'd like more information about participating in the school improvement process or have questions about choice, please feel free to contact me by phone (302) 376-5023, fax (302) 378-5092, or email sharon.pepukayi@appo.k12.de.us .

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Sharon Pepukayi, Principal
Silver Lake Elementary School

cc: Superintendent
Title I Director



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Attachments: ESEA School Choice Selection Form, School profile information
*A requirement of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act or ESEA.



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READING	Target: 50%	Target: 50%	Target: 50%
Category	Silver Lake Result	Bunker Hill Result	Townsend Result
All Students	69.77	63.55	70.01
African American/Black	54.35	50	61.67
Asian American	100	90.48	100
Hispanic/Latino	50.25	48.77 ²	80.53
White or Caucasian	80.26	69.77	71.66
Students with Disabilities	22.38 ²	18.05 ²	44.12 ²
Economically Disadvantaged	58.87	46.99 ¹	68.63

¹ Met using a confidence interval around performance

² This cell did not meet the minimum number of students for inclusion into the AYP model (N<40)

MATH	Target: 49%	Target: 49%	Target: 49%
Category	Silver Lake Result	Bunker Hill Result	Townsend Result
All Students	65.96	73.73	68.01
African American/Black	43.37 ¹	65.06	57.04
Asian American	84.62	100	90.32
Hispanic/Latino	61.93	53.7	50.82
White or Caucasian	78.76	78.41	72.09
Students with Disabilities	21.68 ²	9.19 ²	39.68 ²
Economically Disadvantaged	50.72	61.37	59.02

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NCLB School Choice Selection Form

Complete One Form for Each Child – return by August 17, 2011

Please Check One:

YES, I would like to transfer my child(ren) to another school for the 2011-12 school year. Please indicate the school you wish to have your student(s) attend by circling your preferred choice below:

Bunker Hill Elementary	1 st choice	2 nd choice
Townsend Elementary	1 st choice	2 nd choice

Name – please print Grade

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

NO, I would like to remain at Silver Lake Elementary School and I would like to participate in the school improvement process.

Name of Parent/Guardian
Phone Number

Please return this form to: Dr. Sharon Pepukayi, Silver Lake Elementary School, 200 East Cochran Street, Middletown, DE 19709, (302) 378-5023 phone; (302) 378-5092 fax, email: sharon.pepukayi@appo.k12.de.us no later than August 17, 2011.

If we do not hear from you by Aug. 17, we will assume that you would like your child to remain at Silver Lake Elementary.