

**GLENBROOK HIGH SCHOOLS**  
**Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services**

**TO:** Dr. Michael Riggle  
**FROM:** Rosanne Williamson  
**DATE:** October 14, 2010  
**RE:** **NCLB Update**

**Critical question:** What is required of schools and districts identified for improvement under State or Federal provisions of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act?

The annual Illinois School Report Card contains an Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Status Report designates schools or districts identified for improvement under State or Federal guidelines based upon subgroups of students' performance on the Prairie State Exam (PSAE). In order to exit school improvement status a school or district must make AYP for two consecutive school years. Glenbrook North is exempt from federal improvement requirements because it is not a Title I school.

Each of our schools and the district has been identified for improvement, but are in different places with regard to requirements imposed by this status because of the number of years they have not met AYP and whether or not they receive Title I funds.

**District Status**

The district is in its fourth consecutive year of not making AYP which places it in the Federal Improvement Status of Corrective Action Year 1. State Improvement Status is designated as Academic Watch Status Year 1. Because the district accepts Title I funds, Federal Improvement sanctions apply. Specifically, the district is no longer permitted to transfer grant funds among grants included in the NCLB Consolidated Application (Title I, Title II). The district is now required to participate in a pilot district improvement planning process called *Rising Star*. Through this program the district must submit a district improvement plan to the state. This fulfills both Federal and State requirements.

**Glenbrook South**

Glenbrook South is in its third consecutive year of not making AYP which places it in the Federal Improvement Status of Choice and SES. The provisions of Choice and SES are funded through a 20% set-aside of Title I funds. GBS' State Improvement Status designation is Academic Early Warning Year 2.

***Federal Status Requirements***

Last year and this year the district had to send a letter to all GBS families informing them of the school's status and providing the option to transfer their child to another public school that is making AYP in the district. However, Glenbrook North did not make AYP this year and therefore, was not a choice option. We were also required to contact neighboring school

districts to request that they provide us with a school(s) we could offer GBS families as an option, but no contiguous school districts agreed to do so. Regardless, we were required under NCLB to send this letter. In addition, GBS must now offer Supplemental Educational Services (SES) to low income students. SES providers consist of primarily for-profit and some not-for-profit agencies that have been approved by the Illinois State Board of Education to provide free tutoring to low income students. The district is in the process of finalizing the list of providers who are willing to provide SES and a letter will be sent to low-income families regarding these services.

### ***State Status Requirements***

Last year Glenbrook South was required to submit a two-year improvement plan to the State that was approved by the District 225 Board last December. The school will continue to operate under this plan for this school year.

### **Glenbrook North**

Glenbrook North is in its second year of not making AYP and is designated in State Improvement Status of Academic Early Warning Year 1. Glenbrook North is exempt from federal improvement requirements because it is not a Title I school.

### ***State Status Requirements***

This year GBN is required to submit a two-year improvement plan to the State that must be approved by the District 225 Board by December. The school will continue to operate under this plan for the 2011-2012 school year.