

Tellico Plains High School
9180 Highway 68
Tellico Plains, TN 37385

January 18, 2011

Dear Family:

Tellico Plains High School was identified by the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) as a “High Priority” school in *School improvement I* for the 2009-2010 school year. That status remained for the 2010-2011 school year until determinations of adequate yearly progress (AYP) were announced January 7, 2011. This status is based on the newly adopted, more rigorous state standards. Listed below is current achievement and graduation rate data on the district’s three high schools.

<u>Monroe County High Schools</u>	<u>% of Students Proficient & Advanced in Math in 2009-2010</u>	<u>% of Students Proficient & Advanced in Reading in 2009-2010</u>	<u>Graduation Rate</u>
Sequoyah High School	38%	64%	90.5%
Sweetwater High School	36%	62%	84.8%
Tellico Plains High School	38%	69%	90.6%

Tellico Plains High School is currently identified as a “High Priority” school in *School Improvement I-Improving*. Our school’s current status means that students did not meet state and federal goals in *graduation rate*. Our requirement to offer public school choice was met at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. The TDOE Statewide Report Card indicates that *two* of the district’s high schools met state and federal goals. At the high school level, seventy percent of the state’s students scored proficient to advanced in reading and forty-nine percent scored proficient to advanced in mathematics. The state’s graduation rate was 86.1 percent.

Our school is working hard with the state and district to increase student achievement in math and reading by *providing professional development to teachers in the areas of need, using graduation coaches and instructional coaches to help students and teachers, and closely monitor student progress*. We encourage you to help by *ensuring that your child attends school regularly and on time, being involved in your child’s education and helping your child achieve his or her personal best. We invite all parents to be involved by giving input to the school’s improvement process and Parent Advisory Board.*

Please contact *Principal Russell Harris* at *423-253-2530 or 423-253-2550* if you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

Russell Harris
Principal
Tellico Plains High School