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RE: Title I School-Wide Program

Spearfish Elementary School Parent/Guardian(s),

Spearfish School District is pleased to offer our students support through our *School-Wide Title I* programming. Title I, Part A (Title I) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provides financial assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards. With 100% state-certified staff in areas of instruction, Spearfish Schools offer Title programming in grades K-5 at Mountain View, West, and Creekside Elementary schools. All students are eligible for Title I services.

In Spearfish, the Title I program works in conjunction with our MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) program ensuring the academic and behavioral needs of all students are met. Universal screening of all learners for reading and literacy is provided through **DIBELS, Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy**, and benchmark assessment of learners in math and literacy with the **NWEA MAPS** assessment are completed three times annually. The **Smarter-Balanced Assessment** is given to students in grades 3-8, and 11 in the District. Through Title I our instructional interventions, class-size reduction, individualized pull-out instruction, after-school tutoring, and summer school programming offer additional resources and programming opportunities for students.

In support of our Title I programming, Spearfish Schools maintain an annual school improvement plan, conduct a data analysis of student performance, share our District and State's annual Report Card, provide assessment reports and testing transparency, host a variety of planning and organizational meetings, promote parental engagement, and maintain policies related to parent involvement and the parent-school compact.

Title I programming is reviewed annually, with multiple opportunities for parent and stakeholder input. Additional information about our Title I program can be found in our school handbooks, and on our website at <http://spearfish.k12.sd.us/District/Notices/Notices.html>

If you have questions regarding Title I programs or services, please contact Spearfish School District Title I Director, Mr. Nick Gottlob, or your child's Principal. Thank you for your continued support of Spearfish Public Schools.

Regards,

Spearfish Elementary Schools