Dear Parents/Guardians:

We want to welcome your child to the 2021-22 Title I Program. Your child may be selected to receive extra help and assistance in reading and/or math. Title I is the name of our federally funded reading/math program in Lehighton. It is designed to provide extra reading/math instruction for those students in grades Kindergarten through 5th who are experiencing some academic difficulties.

To be eligible for the program, your child meets one or more of the following criteria:

- is partially proficient or below the 80th percentile on the district reading and/or math assessments;
- Acadience/CDT’s Testing in reading and/or math indicates a need for additional help;
- has been recommended by the classroom teacher;
- and/or has reading/math grades from the previous year that indicate the need for extra help.

Please contact your child’s classroom teacher and reading or math specialist if you have any questions regarding your child’s test results. A reading specialist/certified teacher will be working with your child to give him/her extra assistance in reading. A certified teacher will be working with your child in math. By giving individual and small group instruction, we hope to have your child become the best student possible.

Our Title I program is designed to provide your child with the activities and strategies that contribute to scholastic success. It is unique because it emphasizes emotional growth and development as well as a “success only” philosophy of learning. As long as you support your child and help him/her at home, we can all make a difference.

If you do not want your child to receive this additional help in Title I services, please notify us in writing, addressed to your child’s principal. Otherwise, we will assist your child through the reading/math program of the Lehighton Area School District. Also, as per ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act), a formal complaint procedure is available in the principal’s office if you have any complaints regarding compliance of federal guidelines written in the Title I program in LASD.

If you have any questions about our program or would like to visit your child’s class, please feel free to call anytime at 610-377-4490, ext. 1540. We eagerly look forward to new adventures for your child and hope that we might all join together to make your child’s growth in school a truly successful experience.

We are also in need of parent representation for the Parent Advisory Council. If you are interested, please contact me. We will be having a Parent/Student Advisory Council meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 (Virtual) @ 6:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Tkach
Assistant to the Superintendent

September 20, 2021

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