



**Crawford Elementary School**  
**908 5th Street**  
**Crawford, Nebraska 69339**

*Barb Edwards, Principal*  
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*October 20, 2015*

*Dear Parents and Patrons:*

*The purpose of this letter is to inform you that according to the 2014-2015 state student assessment results, Crawford Elementary School is in Year 2 of the Title I School Improvement for the 2014-2015 school year under the Federal mandates of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law. All schools are expected to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) toward that goal. The state goal for last year was to have 100% of ALL students in grades 3 through 8th grade, and 11th grade, be proficient on the reading and math standards. Crawford Elementary School has not made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the third consecutive year. While Crawford Elementary's scores on the NeSA Math assessment improved over last year, for the third consecutive year the subgroups of Special Education and Students Eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch have been listed as not making adequate yearly progress in reading and math. Additional information about how our school compared to other schools in the state is available on the State of the Schools Report on the Nebraska Department of Education web site at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/documents/SOSR.html>.*

*Crawford Elementary School receives federal funds from the Title I program. These funds help students who are not achieving at grade level in math and reading in high poverty schools. One requirement of each school identified is to establish an Accountability Compact Team to assist in planning and evaluating strategies for improvement in the elementary school. Members of the team include staff from our district, ESU staff, NDE staff, and a parent from our school district.*

*We are concerned about the academic progress of all of our students. The School Improvement Team, with district and state assistance, has identified reading, math, and writing as the areas of concern and are in the process of conducting scientifically based research regarding new programs and interventions. The team will review and determine what strategies and/or programs will be needed to implement in the 2015-2016 school year. Student test scores, state assessment scores, teacher input, school improvement team, and school board support will all be considered in making decisions for the district.*

*Because Crawford Elementary School has been identified as a school “in need of improvement,” it must offer Public School Choice. However, because Crawford Elementary school is the only elementary school in our district, there is no transfer option available to our students.*

*This identification also requires Crawford Elementary School to provide Supplemental Educational Services (SES) to eligible students. Enclosed is a list of SES providers that have been approved by the Nebraska State Department of Education that could provide tutoring services for your child. Parents who choose to have their children participate in SES are asked to contact Crawford Elementary at 308-665-1928 by November 9th to enroll. A second enrollment window will be offered later in the school year. Once notice has been received, we will make enrollment arrangements as quickly as possible and will notify parents upon approval.*

*We welcome your involvement at Crawford Elementary School. There are many ways to participate including offering input to the School Improvement Team, volunteering in a classroom, and attending parent/teacher conferences with your child. Other ways to support your child’s success is to assure that your child is prepared for each day, attends school each day, and has completed assignments.*

*Crawford Elementary School has reviewed the Schoolwide Title I plan, which you have access to on the district website and in hard copy at your request. We continue to review the plan each year and are in Year 2 of NCLB Monitoring for 2015-2016. The annual meeting will be held at a later date to be advertised on the website and in the Crawford Clipper. We also have reviewed the Title I Compact and implemented the revised compact this fall. You are always welcome to be a part of any or all reviews in the Title I School Improvement process. General meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30p.m. in the elementary school workroom.*

*If you have any questions about this information, please feel free to contact me. Please continue to work with us to make sure that our students are able to achieve success through our efforts in working together.*

*Sincerely,*

*Barb Edwards  
Crawford Elementary Principal  
Title I Coordinator  
Crawford Elementary School  
Enclosure*

