



M.E. Lewis Sr. Elementary School

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Dear Parent (s) and/or Guardian (s):

Your child attends M.E. Lewis Elementary School, which receives Federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. Your child's school has not met these standards in Mathematics and Reading for three consecutive years and therefore has not made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Due to failing to meet these standards for three consecutive years, your child's school has been identified as a School in Needs of Improvement.

At M.E. Lewis Elementary School, we take pride in the educational opportunities we are able to provide for our children. Our teachers and staff members work very hard to meet the needs of all students to ensure academic success. You may view your child's school report card on the district's website at www.hancock.k12.ga.us or you may contact Ms. Miranda Wilson, Title I/ Federal Programs Director, to request a copy.

At M.E. Lewis Elementary School, we are very proud of our teachers and feel they are ready for this school year, and we are prepared to give your children a high-quality education. As a Title I school, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in ESEA. These regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching;
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived; and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major (s) or area (s) of certification.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications. Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking skills he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals are highly skilled.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact Mr. Charles Jones at M.E. Lewis Elementary School at (706) 444-7028 or email the principal at cjones@hancock.k12.ga.us.

Sincerely,

Mr. Charles Jones, Principal