

# DEER PARK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Robert Frost Middle School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

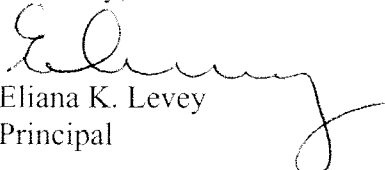
Based on the results from the New York State assessment exams administered during the 2010-2011 school year, Robert Frost Middle School has been identified as a *School in Need of Improvement*, year one. Although the school performed moderately well as a whole, the Students with Disabilities (Special Education) subgroup did not meet the state's annually measured objective for their subgroup in English Language Arts. Due to changes from the state in the calculation and formula for determining whether a subgroup meets their objective, a larger majority of schools across the state find themselves in this similar situation. Even if a single subgroup fails to meet their objective, the entire school is considered to have not made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and then must be designated as a *School in Need of Improvement*. The federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) mandates that school districts take specific actions when this occurs.

Robert Frost Middle School will be following the federal and state mandates this year by evaluating existing programs and analyzing specific features of our curriculum to see how we can best improve our upcoming assessment scores. We have employed the use of the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) to help measure our students based on their performance compared to the rest of the country, and watch their results to diagnose areas of strength and weakness.

After an intense assessment of our current educational program, the school administrative team, along with a district level team, is devising a Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) to compose a two-year improvement plan for our students. We believe that with these adjustments we can raise the level of expectation and service for all of our students, but especially for our students in need of academic remediation.

We believe in Robert Frost Middle School and know that with parents, teachers, administrators and staff working together, all of our students can succeed.

Sincerely,

  
Eliana K. Levey  
Principal