



2002
School Building Report Card

REPORT TO THE FAMILIES OF:

**New Miami Local School District
 (Butler County)**

**New Miami High
 School**

Grades: 7-12

600 Seven Mile Ave
 Hamilton, OH 45011
 513-863-4917

Principal: Mr. Steve Schwankhaus
 Student Enrollment: 402

Dear Parents:

You are the most important advocate for the quality of educational services your student receives. Based on feedback provided to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), we have made substantial changes to the report card so you will have the information you need to be more involved in your child's learning. These changes include:

- We have provided more information on your child's school and reduced the amount of district-level information;
- The format of the report card has been changed to make it easier to understand;
- As requested, key questions on your school's safety record have been included; and
- To help you better understand the performance numbers in your child's school, we have provided new sections that break down proficiency by specific groups of students.

Additional information can be found on the ODE website. Please call 877-772-7771 if you would like more information sent to you or if you have comments on the changes to the report card.

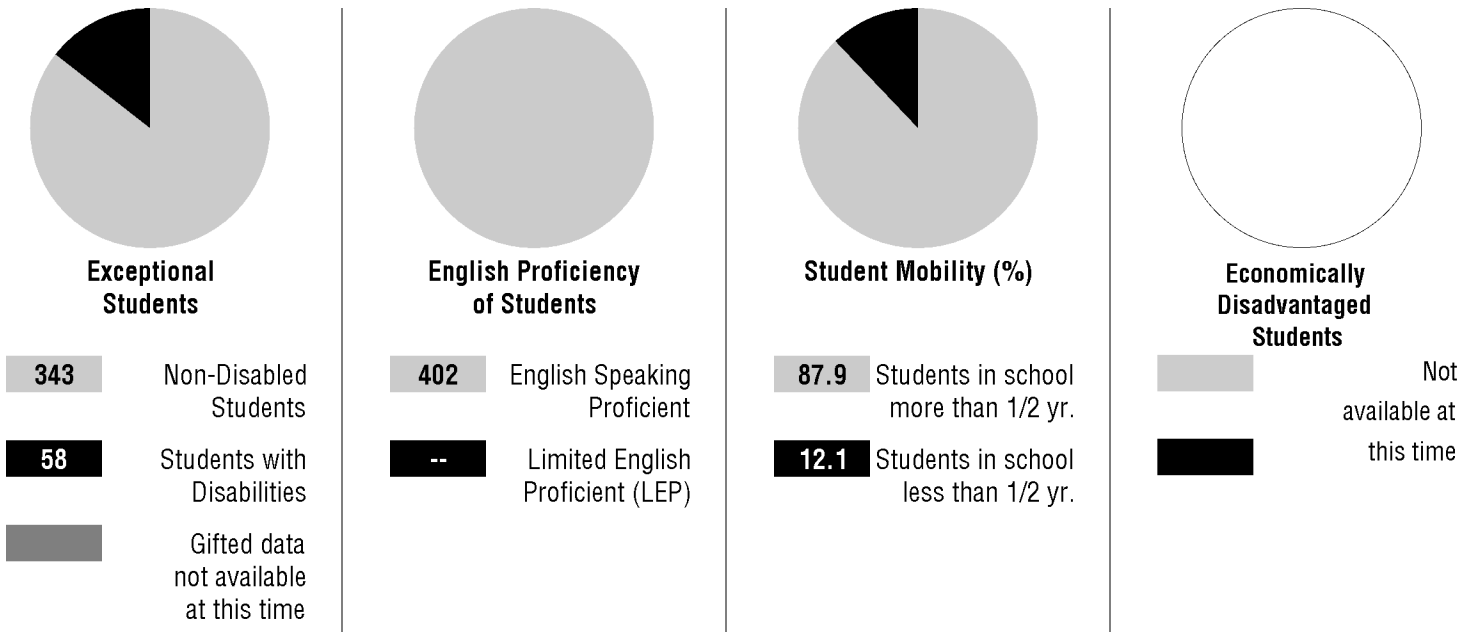


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- Report Cards for every district and school
- Supplement to Report Card
- State reporting summaries
- Demographic and research statistics
- Ethnic and special education data

Student and Staff Information

Who Goes to School Here?



STUDENT GENDER TOTALS

Female	180	Male	222
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STUDENT ETHNICITY TOTALS

African American	14	American Indian	--	Asian	--	Hispanic	--	Multi-Racial	--	White	388
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School, Student and Staff Information

School District Superintendent:
Mr. Robert Bierly Tel: 513-863-0833

Principal: Mr. Steve Schwankhaus Tel: 513-863-4917
Number of years as principal at this school: not available at this time

	YOUR SCHOOL	STATE AVERAGE
Attendance Rate (%)	92.0	93.9
Student Graduation Rate (%)	66.7	74.8
High School Courses (all) Taught by Teachers with Appropriate Certification (%)	94.5	97.4
CORE* Courses Taught by Teachers with Appropriate Certification (%)	100.0	97.6
Average Number of Students to Classroom Teacher	Not available at this time	
Teacher Attendance Rate (%)	96.4	95.3
Number of Years of Teaching Experience	Not available at this time	
Average Teacher Salary	\$38,810	\$42,995

TEACHER GENDER TOTALS

Female	11	Male	12
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TEACHER ETHNICITY TOTALS

African American	0	American Indian	--	Asian	--	Hispanic	--	Multi-Racial	**	White	23
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*CORE Courses (mathematics, reading, writing, science, social studies) correspond to state proficiency test subjects. ** Not available at this time.

Safety and Resources

Your School's Safety and Discipline Record

School safety is a concern for every parent. The State of Ohio requires that a district collect information on the safety record of its schools. Detailed district suspension and expulsion information is available from your district office or can be accessed through the internet at www.ode.state.oh.us.

Although expulsion and suspension numbers provide an important piece of information about school safety, they cannot provide a complete picture of all of the variables that make a school safe and drug-free. After you review the district discipline information, you might want to discuss the following questions with school personnel:

- How does your child's school create a caring and supportive learning environment that fosters positive relationships between students and school personnel?
- What types of positive classroom and building discipline approaches are implemented to both promote desired behavior and address problems as early as possible?
- What are the various disciplinary approaches, such as an in-school suspension class, utilized by your school in working with specific student behaviors?
- Does your child's school have a comprehensive school safety plan in place that addresses a variety of crises that could occur such as a weather related emergency or an intruder in the building?
- Has your school or district formed a community task force or coalition with strong parent representation that promotes positive youth development and addresses safety issues specific to your school and community?
- Has your school implemented a student assistance program that addresses learning, emotional and behavioral problems that impact learning?
- How does your school and district make use of resources provided through the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act grant that is available to each district in Ohio?
- Does your school use both internal and external support personnel such as counselors and social workers to provide assistance to students?

Per Pupil Expenditures and Revenues

Voter Approved Funding Changes:

Did your school district offer any levies on the ballot last year? did / did not

If so, how many were offered? 0 How many were approved? 0

School Expenditures		District Expenditures		District Sources of Revenue	
Instruction	\$3,903	Instruction	\$4,095	Local Funds	\$1,645
Building Operations	\$0	Building Operations	\$1,166	State Funds	\$4,528
Administration	\$273	Administration	\$917	Federal Funds	\$452
Pupil Support	\$418	Pupil Support	\$523		
Staff Support	\$0	Staff Support	\$185	Total Revenue	
				Per Pupil	\$6,625
Total Spending		Total Spending			
Per Pupil	\$4,594	Per Pupil	\$6,886		

Instruction includes: teacher salaries and classroom materials. **Building Operations** includes utilities, maintenance, repairs, busses, and lunch room expenses. **Administration** includes: administrators, office staff, and office supplies. **Pupil Support** includes librarians, counselors, and nurses. **Staff Support** includes: teacher training and college courses.

Your Child's Test Results

Information You Need to Know as a Parent

The Ohio General Assembly passed new legislation in spring 2001 calling for:

- New testing programs for Ohio students, and
- New accountability standards for school buildings, in addition to existing accountability standards for school districts.

These two initiatives will be phased-in over the next eight years. Ohio's Local Report Cards were redesigned to provide detailed information on a school, its students and their performance on

Ohio's Proficiency Tests. **Students are tested so parents and teachers can understand where a student has strengths and weaknesses in learning outcomes.** Every student will have both strengths and weaknesses in subjects being tested. With testing information, parents and teachers can work together to improve a student's knowledge and skills. Knowledge and skills are important to your child's ability to advance from grade to grade, and eventually to graduate from high school.

Receiving Test Results

Every parent whose child is taking the Ohio Proficiency Tests in March 2002 as an 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grader is supposed to receive a report of their child's results. These results will become available at the end of the school year. If you do not receive this report on your child's results by the end of the school

year, please contact your school and ask for a copy. Study the sample results below to better understand the information on your child's testing results. **Please contact your child's teacher for help in understanding your child's performance.**

Tested Area	Established Proficiency Standard	Student Scaled Score	Needs Intervention	At or Above Proficiency Standard	Subscale	Student Score	Band	Weak	Strong
Reading	200	218		✓	Fiction: Construct Meaning	08	6-7		✓
					Fiction: Extends Meaning	05	4-5		✓
					Non Fiction: Constructs Meaning	06	4-5		✓
					Non Fiction: Extends Meaning	06	4-5		✓
Mathematics	200	198	✓		Measurement	06	6-7		
					Arithmetic	08	8-9		
					Geometry	02	1-2		
					Data Analysis	04	4-5		
					Algebra	03	3-4		
					Knowledge and Skills	06	4-5		✓
					Conceptual Understanding	05	5-6		
Application & Problem Solving	12	12-13							
Citizenship	200	215		✓	History	05	3-4		✓
					Economics	03	2-3	✓	
					Geography	06	4-5		✓
					Law	06	4-5		✓
					Citizen Knowledge	08	6-7		✓
					Government	06	7-8	✓	
Science					Life Science	07	6-7		
					Physical Science	06	5-6		
					Earth Science	04	5-6	✓	
					Environmental Science	07	6-7		

Student requires classroom and home assistance in learning. Please contact child's teacher as soon as possible.

Student has met or exceeded this subject's test standard, as set by the State of Ohio.

Performance typical of students at the proficient standard.

Student excels at the work in the outcome areas checked ().

Student needs to improve his or her work in the outcome areas checked ().

These learning outcomes are the skills and knowledge required to understand each subject.

This sample illustrates the type of information available from your school. The sample shows you how to read your student's test results. Save this page—it will help you to understand your child's results when they arrive later this year.

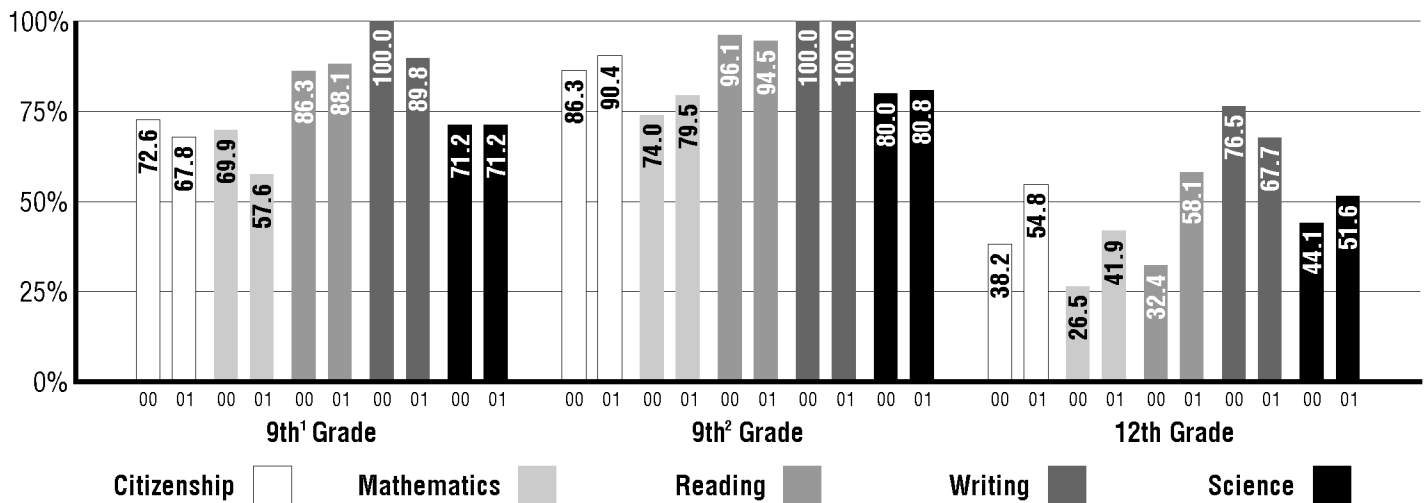
Your School's Performance Results

Your School's Test Scores

Below you will find information on the passing rates at your child's school for the past two years. Look closely at the results below and notice if your school's results have improved. To better understand your child's performance at his or her school, ask your

child's teacher how other students in your child's class performed on that test, and ask if there are things you can do at home to help improve your child's grades and scores on proficiency tests.

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO PASSED PROFICIENCY TESTS IN 2000 AND 2001



2000-2001 School Year Results

This chart compares results of your school to the district results for that grade-level, as well as the state results. This way, you can better understand if the performance of your child's school

is below, the same as, or better than the performance of other schools throughout the state.

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO PASSED THE PROFICIENCY TESTS

	Your School			State Standard*			Your District			State's Results		
	9th ¹	9th ²	12th	9th ¹	9th ²	12th	9th ¹	9th ²	12th	9th ¹	9th ²	12th
Citizenship	67.8	90.4	54.8	75.0	85.0	60.0	67.8	90.4	54.8	82.5	91.0	71.6
Mathematics	57.6	79.5	41.9	75.0	85.0	60.0	57.6	79.5	41.9	72.5	83.4	61.9
Reading	88.1	94.5	58.1	75.0	85.0	60.0	88.1	94.5	58.1	90.5	95.9	74.1
Writing	89.8	100.0	67.7	75.0	85.0	60.0	89.8	100.0	67.7	91.6	96.7	87.8
Science	71.2	80.8	51.6	75.0	85.0	60.0	71.2	80.8	51.6	78.1	87.9	70.8

¹ Based on cumulative attempts for ninth grade students

² Based on cumulative attempts for tenth grade students

*Minimum percentage of students who must pass the test for the district to meet the state standard

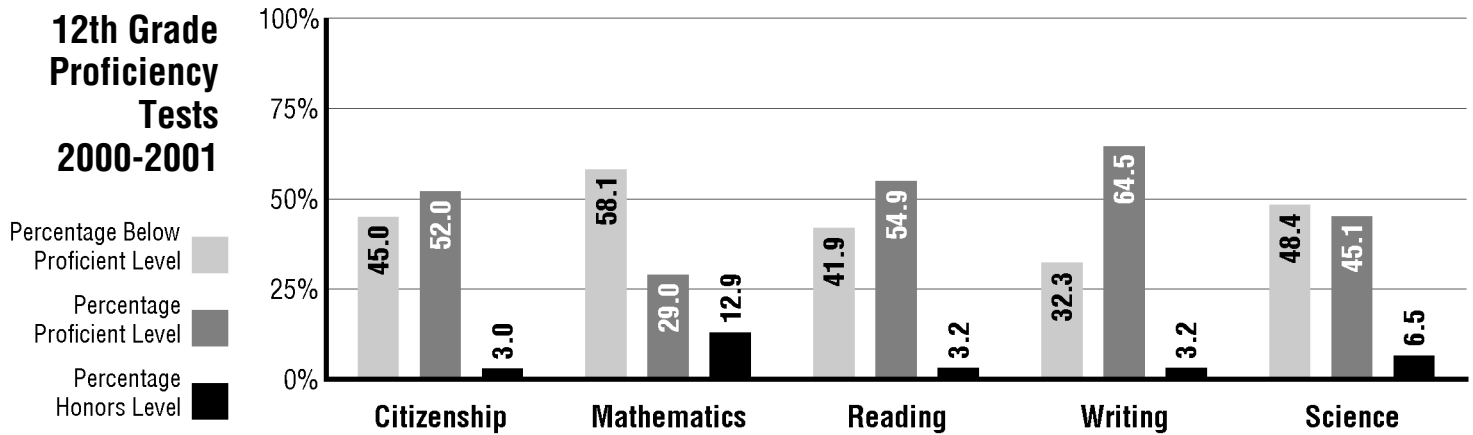
Understanding Proficiency Levels & District Results

Understanding Proficiency Levels of the 12th Grade Test

There are many ways to look at the test scores presented in this Report Card. The most important thing about the charts you've studied so far is to understand how your child is doing in comparison to students in the same grade throughout the state. The chart below is different in that it presents total student passing rates at your school for 2001 for the 12th grade proficiency test only. The proficiency levels show you

whether students have fallen short, reached or exceeded the minimum performance standards set for each student taking the test. *Percentage Honors* level is the highest performance level students can reach in Ohio in school year 2000-2001. If the Percentage Honors level (black) is larger than the Percentage Below Proficient level (light grey), then your school is doing better for more of its students.

Your School's Student Performance By Proficiency Level



Understanding Your District's Results

Your District Met 10 of the 27 State Performance Indicators in 2002 for a District Rating of:
Academic Watch

WHICH OF THE 27 STATE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS BELOW DID YOUR DISTRICT MEET?

Performance Indicator #	Grade Four	Grade Six	Grade Nine ¹	Grade Nine ²	Grade Twelve	
1-5	Citizenship	NOT MET	MET	NOT MET	MET (✓)	NOT MET
6-10	Mathematics	NOT MET	NOT MET	NOT MET	NOT MET	NOT MET
11-15	Reading	NOT MET	NOT MET	MET (✓)	MET (✓)	NOT MET
16-20	Writing	MET	MET	MET (✓)	MET (✓)	MET (✓)
21-25	Science	NOT MET	NOT MET	NOT MET	NOT MET	NOT MET
26	Student Attendance Rate		MET (✓)			
27	Student Graduation Rate		NOT MET			

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(✓) District met standard on 2001 report card

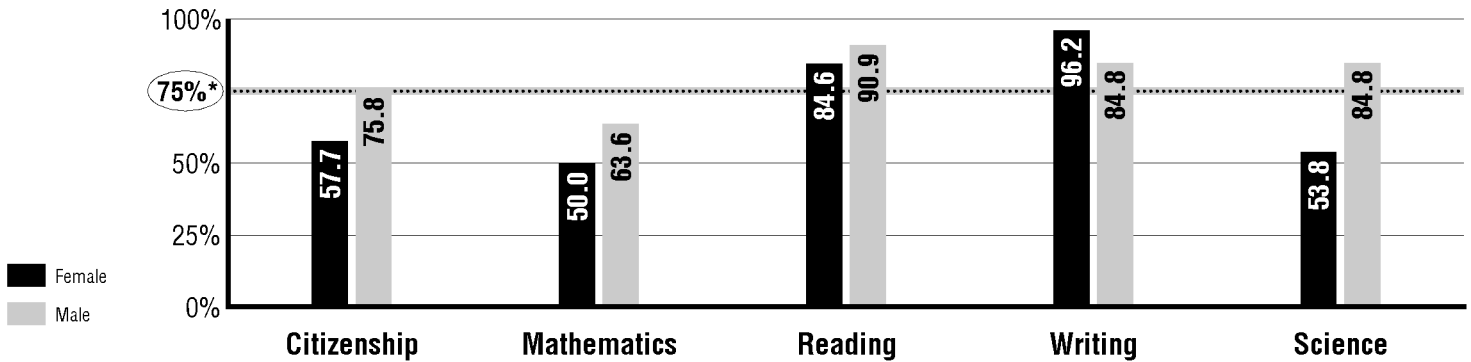
HOW THE RATING IS DETERMINED

- EXCELLENT**- Districts met 26 or more performance indicators. (71 districts statewide received this rating)
- EFFECTIVE**- Districts met 21-25 performance indicators. (136 districts statewide received this rating)
- CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**- Districts met 13-20 performance indicators. (351 districts statewide received this rating)
- ACADEMIC WATCH**- Districts met 8-12 performance indicators. (38 districts statewide received this rating)
- ACADEMIC EMERGENCY**- Districts met 0-7 performance indicators. (12 districts statewide received this rating)

Your District's Demographic Results

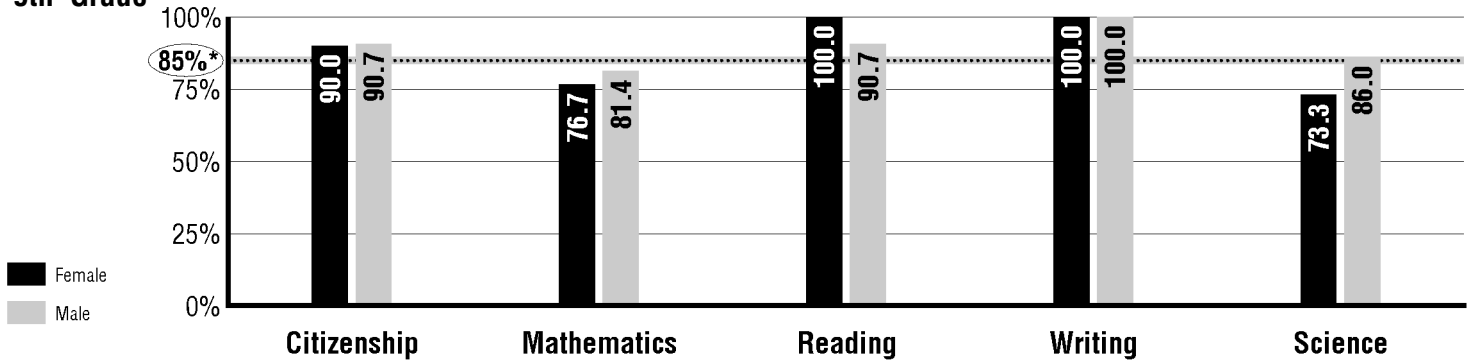
Your District's Passing Rates By Gender

9th¹ Grade

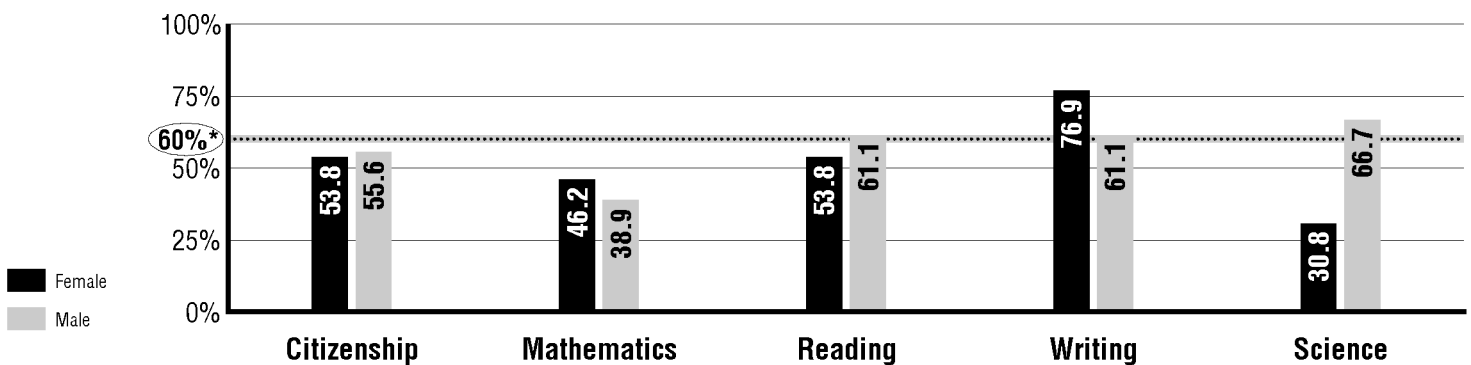


Additional demographics and results for Special Needs students are available at www.ode.state.oh.us

9th² Grade



12th Grade



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To The Parents Of:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Your School Building Report Card
Results Enclosed

Efforts have been made by the Department to eliminate duplicate mailings to parents with more than one child in a school. However, due to inconsistencies in address format, duplication may still occur. If you receive more than one mailing, please share this information with a neighbor.