



WESTPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

2020-2021 Title I Information

September 29, 2020

Dear Macomber and Westport Elementary School Families:

Please be advised that for the duration of the 2020-2021 school year, the Macomber and Westport Elementary Schools will transition from Targeted Assistance (TA) Title I Programs to Schoolwide (SW) Programs. Both schools meet the federal census criteria, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has approved this transition for the current school year.

There are two significant ways in which the SW approach differs from the TA approach:

- Title I funds may be used in combination with local, state and other federal education funds to improve the educational program of the entire school with the intent of improving achievement levels for all students.
- The District is no longer required to identify and select individual students for Title I services. It is assumed that all students in Title I schools would benefit from Title I-funded personnel and or activities.

In recent years, individual students have been identified and families have been notified of the need for supplemental ELA and or Math intervention. Typically, these services were delivered in small group "pull-out" or "push-in" sessions with Interventionists. In addition to the unprecedented circumstances caused by the pandemic, including the different learning models (in-person, hybrid, remote), the SW shift will result in a different service delivery approach in order to meet more students' needs.

Regardless of the challenges, I am confident that we will continue to fully support all Westport students as they work toward mastery of the state's challenging academic standards -- the primary objective of Title I programming. Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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