



WESTPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

2021-2022 Title I Program Information

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Dear Westport Elementary and Middle School Families:

Please be advised that for the duration of the 2021-2022 school year, Westport Elementary School and Westport Middle School will operate schoolwide Title I programs. This designation reflects a continuation of services for Westport Elementary School (1-4), and the first year of implementation at Westport Middle School (5-8).

Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act provides supplemental financial assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet the state's challenging academic standards. The goal of a schoolwide Title I program is to ensure a high quality education for all students, particularly those who are low achieving on local and state academic achievement standards. As a result of the district reconfiguration, both Westport Elementary School and Westport Middle School populations qualify for the schoolwide model, and have received approval from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

In a schoolwide service model:

- 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, although this approach may be utilized. It is assumed that all students in Title I schools would benefit from Title I-funded personnel and or activities.

Regardless of the service delivery methods, I am confident that we will continue to support all Westport students as they work to demonstrate mastery of the state's challenging academic standards. Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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