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Dear Lucy Craft Laney Families,

Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) is dedicated to providing all students with an excellent education so that each child can succeed in school and in life. To ensure your child's success, we have set high standards that are reflected in what is taught in our classrooms. In the coming school year we will look at multiple assessment measures that indicate how each school is succeeding. This will ensure that we reach our goal of all students ready for college and a career.

This year Lucy Craft Laney has been designated a priority school under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This designation is based on student performance data that placed the school among the five percent of lowest-performing schools.

This school year will be the first in a three-year process of intense school improvement support. The main focus within our school is to increase student performance. The school improvement process will be supported by MPS and the Minnesota Department of Education. With this leadership and support, we will dramatically change the way our school operates to improve the learning environment for all students.

Families and communities are at the center of our school improvement plan. You are invited to attend our annual State of the School and Title I meeting. The purpose of the State of the School and Title I annual meeting is to provide information to parents/guardians about the current state of the school and the School Improvement Plan. The school will share its priorities, goals and strategies for improvement as well as how families can be engaged throughout the year. This meeting will also clarify the purpose of Title I and the ongoing communication parents/guardians can expect to receive regarding their child's progress. If the meeting has not already taken place or you have not received this information, contact us for the specific date and time of the meeting.

Your engagement and support is critical to your child's success. We encourage you to contact your child's teacher(s) to learn how you can best support the work your child is doing in the classroom. Here are several things you can do to support your child's education:

- Make sure your child attends school every day, on time.
- Provide a quiet place for your child to do homework or read.
- Talk with your child about school.

We look forward to your continued engagement and collaboration to make this a great school year! Please contact us at 612 668-2200 for more information about our school improvement efforts and how to get involved.

Sincerely,

Principal