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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The New York State Education Department's (NYSED) Office of Accountability has determined that the New York Mills Union Free School District is a Focus District as it did not make Adequate Yearly Progress on New York State 3-8 assessments in English Language Arts and/or mathematics for one or more accountability groups (racial/ethnic groups, low-income students, English language learners, students with disabilities). For the 2016-17 school year, districts and schools are required to comply with the accountability requirements described within the State's approved ESEA Flexibility Waiver and Commissioner's Regulations §100.18 to notify all parents and guardians. If we had several schools within our district, we would be obligated under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act to provide public school choice to a school in good standing. However, as a small district with a single K through 12 building, the district's choice option is to remain at your current school for the 2016-17 school year.

You can find the latest accountability information on the NYSED website at www.p12.nysed.gov/accountability

The district is offering the following after school intervention opportunities for students requiring additional academic supports and assistance. Students are designated as needing academic supports and assistance due to performance on state and local assessments, classroom performance, and lack of response to interventions already provided through our K-12 Response to Intervention (RtI) Plan, Title I Services and/or Academic Intervention Services. These students will be provided with targeted after-school support services as recommended by the classroom teacher, principal, school counselor, and K-12 Response to Intervention Team.

If you have any further questions, please contact me in the district office at (315) 768-8127 or Mr. Michael Spost, K-12 Executive Principal in the main office at (315) 768-8124.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy S. Houghton".

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