Yellow Medicine East – ISD 2190

Serving Clarkfield, Echo, Granite Falls, Hanley Falls, Hazel Run, Upper Sioux Community

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Families of Yellow Medicine East District Students,

Each year, our Yellow Medicine East students join thousands of Minnesota students in completing the MCAs (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments). Based on performance and growth as measured on the Math Achievement, Reading Achievement, and Consistent Attendance for our American Indian students over the past three years, the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) has designated Bert Raney Elementary as a school in need of Targeted School Improvement.

The Bert Raney Elementary Site-Based Leadership Team, along with an assigned Continuous Improvement Specialist from MDE/COMPASS (Collaborative Minnesota Partnerships for Student Success), has been meeting throughout the 25-26 school year. During this time, we have been completing a Comprehensive Needs Assessment and also developing a multi-year action plan for strengthening our achievement in our identified areas. Bert Raney Elementary is committed to strengthening the following:

- The completion of READ Act training for all Phase 1 Bert Raney Elementary staff
- The continuation of READ Act training for newly hired Phase 1 Bert Raney Elementary staff
- The beginning stages of READ Act training for all Phase 2 Bert Raney Elementary staff
- Tier 1 reading support and professional development opportunities, paired with support from our regional COMPASS literacy team
- Professional development to provide Bert Raney Elementary teachers with training to utilize screening data to improve academic achievement for all students and to support interventions
- Implementation of an evidence-based phonics program in Grades K-5
- Increased cultural services through expanded liaison time
- The implementation of the READ Act training for all paraprofessionals

Yellow Medicine East School District is committed to working closely with our students, families, staff, and MDE/Compass staff to strengthen academic outcomes and ensure every student receives the support needed to succeed.

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to either of us.

Sincerely,

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