

Dear Rick Marcotte Central School Families

As you know, our South Burlington schools offer outstanding educational programs. We are excited to have a wealth of instructional, and administrative opportunities this year that we believe will strengthen the level of relevance, rigor, and relationships here at Marcotte. The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), which was passed by the federal government in 2001, requires that all schools' efficacy be measured annually based on their performance on standardized tests in English and Math. The state of Vermont has set the bar for what adequate student performance on these tests should be, and schools that don't meet that bar are identified under NCLB as being in need of "improvement" or "restructuring".

Due to the state implementing the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC) for the first time the Vermont Board of Education applied and received a waiver from using these results to determine Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). All schools in the state, including Marcotte, remain at their current AYP status.

We are committed to continuous school improvement, and to supporting all of our students in their effort to succeed. This is what we strive to achieve every day.

This year, we will continue to partner with our District and the Agency of Education to implement a continuous improvement plan for our school that will support the needs of all of our school's students. We will be reviewing all of our programs as a part of a more comprehensive review of our school's academic experiences and student supports. As we identify opportunities for parent and family participation in the development and implementation of our improvement plans, we will keep you informed. We hope that you will continue to support our school in these efforts, and we value your involvement.

If you have any questions or thoughts about AYP or our school's Continuous Improvement Plan please reach out to us in person, by phone, or through e-mail.

Sincerely,

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