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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has released its annual school ratings for 2011. The ratings are based on the results of the Missouri Assessment Program (M.A.P.), a series of achievement tests given to your student in the spring of 2011.

Schools may achieve a rating of “Meets AYP” or “AYP Not Met.” AYP stands for “adequate yearly progress,” and refers to the federally-mandated goal under the No-Child Left Behind Act (NCLB, 2002), that all students demonstrate proficiency in reading and math by the year 2014. The academic data is reported in terms of the percentage of students meeting or exceeding proficiency targets (*what students are expected to know and do for their grade level*).

Schools that do not make AYP for two consecutive years enter the school improvement cycle. While Branson Junior High School made significant gains in increasing the total number of students learning on grade level, we did not make AYP this year for failure of multiple sub-groups to meet the federal adequate yearly progress targets in both Math and English/Communication Arts. Federal law mandates that schools must make AYP for two consecutive years in order to come out of the school improvement cycle. For this reason, our school is considered to be “in need of improvement,” and therefore classifies the 2011-2012 school year as a school improvement year.

State law, in accordance with the mandates of NCLB, establishes steps schools must take to inform parents of this designation. This letter is to inform you, as a parent, Branson Junior High is following a School Improvement Plan which addresses the academic needs of all students. Our teachers and administration are proactively working to target our instruction to build upon students’ strengths, while also concentrating on their areas of concern.

We exist for student success at Branson Junior High. As we work towards the fulfillment of our mission, we will continue to share with you news of our progress.

Sincerely,

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