

Public Notice:

The Tulpehocken Area School District is applying for a federal waiver from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. This waiver would enable the Penn Bernville Elementary School to qualify for participation in the Title 1 Program for the 2008-2009 school year. Currently under the Federal Program's formula, only the Bethel Elementary School in the district qualifies for the Title 1 Program. Last year, the Penn Bernville Elementary School was able to share in the distribution of federal monies along with the Bethel Elementary School based on the grandfathering clause as permitted by the federal regulations. This clause, however, does not permit a building to be grandfathered for more than one consecutive year. Therefore, the district needs to request the waiver.

If the district is granted this waiver, the Penn Bernville Elementary School will be able to continue to operate its Title 1 Program. A reading specialist and a math interventionist, as well as, 6 Title 1 paraprofessionals are working under this program. The Title 1 Program in both elementary schools allows the district to identify at-risk students, provide intensive reading and math interventions, and monitor the students' yearly progress. The programs have been very successful in providing the additional assistance students need to overcome their areas of concern. The District has determined through the examination of data that students in our Title 1 programs have increased achievement levels and are gaining skills needed to reach their true learning potentials resulting in school success.

The district thanks all Title 1 parents for their participation in our programs throughout the last school year and looks forward to the 2008-2009 school year's parent involvement meetings. If you have any question about this notice and/or the Title 1 Program, feel free to contact me, Elizabeth Massar, Superintendent, at 610-488-9955 ext. 116.