

## **Title I Schoolwide Program**

Last year our school participated as a Title I Targeted Assistance Program. This was due to our school being in its first year. This year we qualify and operate a Title I Schoolwide program.

In a Title I Targeted Assistance Program, funds may be spent on allowable Title I activities for participating, targeted Title I students, their teachers, and families. Activities and interventions must be aligned to the program plan for providing services to eligible students based on educational need.

In a Title I Schoolwide Program, funds may be spent on allowable Title I activities for any student, teacher, and family of students enrolled in the school. Activities and interventions must be aligned to the schoolwide plan, strategies, and interventions based on a comprehensive needs assessment

To Qualify a school must meet at least one of the following qualifications:

- A Title I school with 40% or more of its students living in poverty, regardless of the grades it serves
- A Title I school under 40% poverty that receives a state waiver (see note below) or was served the previous school year as a schoolwide program, and the district wishes to continue services for a school that dipped below 40% poverty using the grandfather clause.

- *Note: The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction has the authority to allow a Title I school to operate a schoolwide program without meeting the 40% poverty threshold if it is determined a schoolwide program will best serve the needs of students in the school who are failing, or at risk of failing, to meet the challenging state academic standards. [ESSA sections 1114(a)(1)(B) and (b)(6)].*

Completing free and reduced applications is critical in determining if we continue to qualify of this program on a yearly basis.