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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Zion Elementary District 6 is committed to providing a high-quality education for your child. We are working hard to provide programs to help all students succeed in our school district. Your child attends Zion Central Middle School which receives federal Title I funds. These funds provide help for your child to meet state achievement standards. Despite gains in achievement, ZCMS did not reach the overall requirement of 85% meets and exceeds for all students. The school is in restructuring which means the school has failed to make adequate yearly progress for at least 5 years in the same subject and in addition to offering public school choice and supplemental educational services, another action is necessary. Options include reopening as a charter school, replacing all or most of the staff, entering into a contract with an entity, being taken over by the state, and implementing any other major restructuring of the school's governance.

Our district's 2012 report card and the most recent AYP status report for your school show how your child's school compares to other schools in our district and state. These reports will be available on our Web site, at your child's school, and at the school district office as soon as they are available from the State.

The *No Child Left Behind Act* provides you, as a parent, the option to transfer your child to another public school within the district with transportation provided by the district. However, at this time we do not have a school within the district to which your child can transfer. We have contacted neighboring districts to request that they provide us with a school(s) we can offer you as an option. No school district has agreed to do so this school year. Your child's school is working to improve the school's academic program by implementing the Central Focus strategic plan which included block scheduling, intervention services and advisory tutorial services. The district and the State Board of Education are working with your child's school to help improve the academic standards of the school. This is being accomplished by providing technical assistance to the teachers and administrators within your child's school.

We need your assistance at home as well. This includes developing and maintaining a study time for your child at home, following up with all school assignments, and active participation in the parent organization as well as school-based programs and events. Although the option to transfer is not available at this time, we will notify you of supplemental services (tutoring) that will be made available to qualifying students in the fall.

We are looking forward to working with your child this year to meet our shared goal for student success.

Sincerely,

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