



Firth School District # 59  
Fall 2010

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year. This letter is to inform you that while Firth Middle School students have made great progress reaching AYP goals the school is still in school improvement for the 2010-2011 school year.

Because Firth Middle School is in school improvement, the law gives you the option to transfer your child to another school that is not in school improvement where it is possible and/or practicable. Firth School District **is not** able to offer school choice within our district because there is only one school in the district at each level. You may transfer your child to a public virtual charter school. If you wish to transfer to a virtual school, you may contact the school directly to enroll.

The following chart details the number of students who qualify for school choice and the number of students who have transferred to other schools.

Year	Number of eligible students	Number who transferred	
2007-2008	245	0	
2008-2009	252	0	
2009-2010	235	0	
2010-2011	237		

A full report is available at [www.sde.idaho.gov/reportcard](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/reportcard) and provides more information on how Firth Middle School compares with other schools in the Firth School District and in the state. This report card is also available at your school, district office or from the Idaho State Department of Education at [www.sde.idaho.gov/reportcard](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/reportcard).

Our school is working hard with the state and district to offer better support to students in math and reading by:

- Expanding reading time, small group instruction in both reading and math and professional development for teachers and other staff members.

There are many ways that you can be involved in helping us to address the issues around school improvement. Some of those include

- Help your child with homework
- Make sure your child attends school—reduce the number of absences
- Volunteer in the classroom
- Serve on a school or district wide committee

Your child may also be eligible to participate in a free after-school tutoring program called Supplemental Educational Services (SES). Eligible students are those from low-income families. If your child is eligible, you will receive more information by the Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences— October 27 and 28 or speak with Ms. Dye during registration August 18 – 25.

