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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I am writing to inform you that Van Ness is a Title I school for the 2020-2021 school year. Because 40% or more of our school population has signed up for free and reduced meals, we are eligible to receive additional federal funding to help provide our school with professional development, parent involvement activities, and other academic programming designed to help your child succeed in school this year.

Being a parent at a Title I School is a privilege and responsibility. We need the support from our parents to ensure our students reach their full academic potential. We hope that you will consider taking an active role in our school—reach out to your child’s teacher(s) regularly, attend or volunteer at school activities, and help guide our school policies.

We reviewed our Title I status at our parent meeting during Back to School Night on September 30 and you can find the presentation [here](#). During upcoming meetings, we’ll discuss further how we are using our Title I dollars to provide services to your child, and what we all (students, parents, teachers, and administrators) are accountable for in ensuring your child’s success.

Thank you for choosing Van Ness for your child’s education. We are excited about this new school year and look forward to all of our students’ academic growth

Sincerely,

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