

As a district identified for improvement, our district must develop an Improvement Plan in consultation with school staff and parents. There is currently a District Improvement Team in place that meets monthly to review the progress of our students. The plan was developed and updated this summer and can be found on our District web page.

As a parent, you are a critical partner in school and District improvement. Please keep informed about all school and District improvement initiatives. Currently, the District is involved in a number of initiatives in the areas of mathematics and reading. There have been curriculum realignment and curriculum maps developed that outline the content and skills that all teachers must teach throughout the year in both math and reading. This summer teachers have attended workshops to collaborate more with their teams, including special education staff, in order to plan lessons that will meet the diverse needs of our students. By examining the results of this past spring's NWEA assessments, we noted marked improvement in all areas of mathematics and reading at each grade level. We were very encouraged by these results. If you wish to have more detailed information or you are interested in helping in the improvement process, please call the SAU office at 432-1210 or email mehannon@derry.k12.nh.us.

As we design and implement our improvement strategies, we will collaborate with the New Hampshire Department of Education representatives. We anticipate that our detailed plan for improvement will be available at the SAU office by September 2011. There will be a summary on our website, but if you would like a detailed copy emailed to you, please let us know. We are proud of our ongoing partnerships within our community to improve student achievement. Together, we will work to provide opportunities for success for each student in our district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Ellen Hannon".

Mary Ellen Hannon
Superintendent