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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) has informed our district that the middle school and the elementary are placed in the Intensive Assistance Process.

In the 2016-2017 school year we were in Step 1 of this process for not having 1.5 librarians at the LES Library and no listed librarian at the middle school. We also had an overload of classes at the 2nd grade; we had more than 20 students/class. We averaged 22 students/class in the second grade.

This school year, 2017-2018, we had the same unresolved issues in both schools, and had a noncertified teacher at the preschool. This placed us in Step 2 (Intensive Assistance). Principal Goodman, Principal Rogers, and I will meet with the Board of Public Education (BPE) in May.

We will present our corrective plan to the BPE. The following is our plan:

- Our non-licensed teacher has gained her provisional certification. However, her contract was not renewed. Next year's teacher has a certification in Special Education.
- Our second grade class size issue in will be resolved because the current first grade class has 78 students and 4 sections, and the following year we will have 100 students and 5 sections.
- We have two libraries in the District, one at the elementary, and one at the middle/high school. They are open from 7:45 a.m. until after school every night, with a certified Library/Media Specialist in each library, all day.

We continue to offer students high quality educational programs, where our standardized test scores continue to be above the State average. Our buildings are recognized by OPI as buildings with strong behavioral and academic climates. Our graduation rates are rising, and are above the State average.

If you have any questions about this letter or the process do not hesitate to contact me in regards to the OPI placement.

Sincerely,



Craig Barringer, Superintendent
Libby Public Schools

