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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Earlier this year, Alaska's Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) received a waiver from producing accountability designations for schools using data from the 2020-2021 school year. When applying for the waiver, DEED assured the US Department of Education that schools, including IDEA, would maintain their current designation and would continue to receive supports and interventions consistent with their improvement plan. This means that the designation that IDEA receives in the 2021-2022 will not change from the TSI designation received in the 2020-2021 school year.

For a brief overview of Alaska's accountability system and what each of the designations mean, please visit the following resources. Note that these resources reflect the date and how the designations were originally determined:

- [Brief Overview of Alaska's Accountability System](https://education.alaska.gov/akaccountability/schoolsuccess/accountabilitysystems.pdf)  
(education.alaska.gov/akaccountability/schoolsuccess/accountabilitysystems.pdf)
- [Targeted Support and Improvement](https://education.alaska.gov/akaccountability/schoolsuccess/TSI.pdf)  
(education.alaska.gov/akaccountability/schoolsuccess/TSI.pdf)
- [Universal Support](https://education.alaska.gov/akaccountability/schoolsuccess/Universal_Support.pdf)  
(education.alaska.gov/akaccountability/schoolsuccess/Universal\_Support.pdf)
- The [Report Card to the Public](https://education.alaska.gov/compass/report-card) may be used to find more information.  
(education.alaska.gov/compass/report-card)

Please contact Daryl Bowers, IDEA Director, if you have any questions or if you wish to view or become involved with developing the improvement plan.

Sincerely,

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