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## **To Parents and Guardians of Whiteville Elementary:**

The education of our students has never been more important than it is today. On Tuesday, May 7, 2013, Hardeman County Schools received word that Whiteville Elementary School had been awarded a Title I School Improvement Grant through the Tennessee Department of Education. During the past three months, the district has worked with the Tennessee Department of Education in developing the School Improvement Grant to help better serve the students of Whiteville Elementary.

The purpose of the School Improvement Grant is to provide the school, students, and staff with additional resources. Over the course of the next three years, Whiteville Elementary will be eligible to receive \$1.3 million of focused school improvement resources. The district office will work with the school to begin the implementation process.

Some of the requirements of the school improvement grant include:

- ***Increased Before/After and Summer Programs for students***
- ***Increased student learning time and programs for students***
- ***Increased technology resources for the students and staff***
- ***Recruiting and retaining the most highly effective staff***
- ***Addition of a Math & Reading Interventionist, an Assistant Principal/Parent Liaison, and a Physical Education Teacher***
- ***Increased professional development for staff***

This grant will provide changes to benefit our students and our community. We want to build on the partnership with parents and stakeholders of Whiteville Elementary School. Parents and community members will be invited to information sessions to receive further details about the grant as we move forward with implementation. Please know that we welcome your feedback as stakeholders. You may view the School Improvement Grant information at <http://www.hardemancountyschools.org/files/SIG.pdf>. Thanks for your support of Whiteville Elementary School and we value your continued support on this program.

Sincerely,

Warner A. Ross  
Director of Schools

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