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SRBI or Scientific, Research-Based Interventions

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Voluntown Elementary School has a proud tradition of strong instructional practices, sound curriculum, excellent test scores, and passionate teaching. This year it is our goal to reach new heights as we continue with our fifth year of effectively offering a contemporary instructional model called SRBI: Scientific, Research-Based Intervention, previously known in Voluntown as RTI: Response to Intervention. Our Title I/II SRBI Interventionists are: Sherry Riley and Linda Lavender.

Federal laws, including No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) and Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA), have challenged schools across the nation to demonstrate academic growth for all students regardless of race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, disability or English fluency. The State of Connecticut has recognized that traditional instructional practices have not met the needs of all learners. Therefore, the State Department of Education has adopted the innovative SRBI approach derived from a national model called RTI: Response to Intervention.

The SRBI approach calls for differentiated instruction based on individual student need and frequent student assessments in math and reading to monitor progress. Furthermore, students who are not maximizing their learning potential either behaviorally or academically will be given additional instruction based on their individual needs. Also, students who are not achieving at a very high rate will be encouraged to maximize their learning potential.

We are excited about the opportunity to increase the learning of all students while providing additional instruction when necessary. In the upcoming weeks, parents/guardians of students who are in need of additional instruction will receive notification indicating how VES will be assisting their child. It is our hope to work together with families to provide the best instruction for all of our students. For further reading on the SRBI/RTI initiative, please visit http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/cali/family_guide_to_srbi.pdf.

Sincerely,

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