

Congratulations to Staff, Students and the Entire Dickey Elementary School Family

Dickey Elementary School in Ontario has exited No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Program Improvement after meeting minimum state requirements for the academic achievement of its student sub-groups.

NCLB Program Improvement is a state monitoring program, assisting schools that need help improving their academic scores of all students. Dickey had been in Program Improvement for more than five years. It was a part of the NCLB federal program to ensure that all groups of students have academic success.

“The Levi Dickey teachers, staff, students, and parents have worked diligently to ensure the school is providing the best possible education for all,” Principal Suzanne Hernandez said. “We are excited to exit out of Program Improvement status and look forward to working with all stakeholders to continue our commitment of preparing our students for college and career.”

Mary Salcido, Chino Valley Unified School District’s Director of Access & Equity said California Department of Education is now recognizing Levi Dickey Elementary as a Title 1 school “not in Program Improvement.”

Dickey was named a Program Improvement “Safe Harbor” school in 2013 after standardized tests that year showed its student subgroups were making academic improvements, Salcido said. The state did not track standardized test scores in 2014 because a new type of standardized test was piloted. Results from this spring’s tests qualified Dickey to exit NCLB Program Improvement, she said.

“Exiting Program Improvement status is a true testament to the diligence of the Dickey school community,” Superintendent Wayne M. Joseph said. “I applaud and commend them on their accomplishment.”

“After many years of NCLB accountability sanctions, there is great hope that all of our hard working school staffs will begin to demonstrate and celebrate their joint contributions to student academic success,” Salcido said.