

New Jersey Department of Education  
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The Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status of New Jersey's schools has been released and 539 out of 2,398 schools have been labeled as "in need of improvement". <http://www.state.nj.us/njded/news/2006/0331ayp.htm>

Under "No Child Left Behind" (NCLB), schools are labeled as "in need of improvement" when they miss one or more of 40 criteria standardized tests for more than two years in a row.

22.5 percent of New Jersey's schools have been labeled as "in need of improvement".

**77.8 percent, or 7 out of 9, of Franklin Township schools are on this list and have been labeled as" in need of improvement" !**

Our High School and Middle School are in Year 3 of a "School Improvement Continuum" which could lead to a mandated restructuring plan being imposed by the state of New Jersey!

<http://www.nj.gov/njded/title1/accountability/impchart.shtml>

**Franklin Township cannot afford to continue the "status quo".**

At a recent BOE candidates Forum, Brain Bonnanno, the BOE Vice President and a BOE member for 9 years, offered little more than excuses why performance is poor but asked the voters to reject proposals offered by Gene Unger as unrealistic without any thought as to there viability.

You, the voters of Franklin Township must decide –

- ✓ stay the course and risk State take-over with a BOE out-of-touch with the needs of our community **or**
- ✓ elect the slate of Mettler, LaCorte & Unger who have a positive vision for our schools, innovative ideas and the will and energy to see-it-through!