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**{Date}**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

**{Insert County Name}** County school district is a district in need of improvement based on federal requirements. This means that the district did not meet one or more Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals for **two or three** consecutive years. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) measures the performance of all students and specific student groups based on race/ethnicity, lunch status, disability, and English proficiency.

To make AYP, a certain percentage of students in each group must meet the goals on state tests in reading, writing, and mathematics. If one student group does not meet the goal, the entire school district does not meet AYP. This does not mean the school district is failing; it means that certain areas need improvement.

The table below shows how our school district compares to others in the state:

2009-10 Percent of Students Meeting the Goal			
SUBJECT	GOAL	DISTRICT	STATE
Reading	72%	<b>{Insert Percentage}</b>	68%
Mathematics	74%	<b>{Insert Percentage}</b>	62%
Writing	Increase 1%	Goal Met/Not Met	Yes
Graduation Rate	Increase 2%	Goal Met/Not Met	Yes

For more information on AYP, please visit: <http://schoolgrades.FLDOE.org/default.asp>.

Our school district will develop a District Improvement Plan to address the achievement of its students and the areas the district did not make AYP. Your district's plan can be accessed on the Florida Department of Education's website at <http://flbsi.org/schoolimprove/index.htm>, which

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will be accessible after October 1, 2010. In addition, the Department will also provide support to our district in the areas where AYP was missed.

You play an important part of your child's education. We invite you to become involved in your child's school by:

- Attending meetings with your child's teacher;
- Participating in activities at the school;
- Becoming a member of the School Advisory Council; and
- Volunteering at your child's school.

If you have questions regarding the academic progress of your child's school or district, we encourage you to contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

Dr. Eric J. Smith

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