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To Parents Of Students Attending Fort Worth ISD:

Under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, a Title I, Part A-funded local education agency (LEA), or school district, that has not met AYP for two or more consecutive years in the same indicator (reading, mathematics, attendance rate, or graduation rate) is subject to LEA-level Title I School Improvement Requirements. Based on the 2010 LEA AYP Status released August 5, 2010, Fort Worth Independent School District is subject to the LEA-level School Improvement Program (SIP) requirements for Stage 1 Reading and Math for the during the 2010-2011 school year.

The NCLB statute requires the district to notify you of this status and to provide you with the following information. Please be advised that the district has the opportunity to appeal this district improvement designation. However, the requirements described in this letter must be implemented for the entire school year, regardless of the outcome of the appeal.

If an LEA that is receiving Title I, Part A funds does not meet AYP for two consecutive years for the same indicator, that LEA is subject to certain SIP requirements. For additional information about the AYP definition please visit TEA's website at <http://.ritter.tea.state.tx.us/ayp/>.

Within three months after being identified for improvement, an LEA must develop or revise its district improvement plan in consultation with parents, school staff, and others. The district improvement plan must meet certain requirements, one of which is implementing strategies to promote effective parental involvement in the district. To view additional district improvement plan requirements, please visit this link: <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/nclb/titleia/sip/2010-2011/sip.html>. If you do not have access to the internet, please call the contact person listed at the end of this letter and this information will be provided to you.

The district will be implementing the following activities to address the reasons the district has been identified for district improvement:

- Utilizing Curriculum-Based Assessments to monitor student progress and select appropriate interventions.
- Integrating technology across all grade levels within various classroom activities.
- Implementing Gold Seal Programs of Choice within all secondary campuses. This initiative will complete the transformation of Fort Worth ISD high schools into academic communities that ensure readiness for college and/or career. Students who enroll in Programs of Choice will have the ability to take Advanced Placement and/or dual-credit classes, work with individuals from business or industry in a particular field, and graduate with college credits and/or licensure or certification for a career in that field. For more information use the following link: [http://www.fwisd.org/News/Pages/2010-10-03\\_DistrictUnveilsGoldSealProgramsofChoice.aspx](http://www.fwisd.org/News/Pages/2010-10-03_DistrictUnveilsGoldSealProgramsofChoice.aspx)

You may become involved in addressing the reasons the district is identified for improvement by assisting in the following ways:

- Ensuring your student attends school everyday.
- Keeping an open line of communication with the campus about school programs and student progress.
- Visiting the *Parent Engagement Outreach Center* at Rosemont 6<sup>th</sup>, Room 208, 3908 McCart Ave., Fort Worth, and utilizing the computers, media library, educational and health resources.
- Taking part in the parent survey at [http://www.fwisd.org/News/Pages/2010-10-04\\_parentsurvey.aspx](http://www.fwisd.org/News/Pages/2010-10-04_parentsurvey.aspx).
- Calling the Parent Information line at 817-814-2070.

If you have questions concerning this letter, would like to volunteer to help revise our district plan, or need us to provide you with paper copies of the material referenced in the web sites, please contact: Pamela Tyler at 817-814-2296 or [pamela.tyler@fwisd.org](mailto:pamela.tyler@fwisd.org).