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Dear Fort Worth ISD Parents and Guardians

This letter is to notify you that FWISD has not met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) (No Child Left Behind) for two years in the same indicator and the district is subject to Title 1 School Improvement Requirement for Stage 2 in Reading and Mathematics for 2011-2012.

The district is addressing the need for improvement in these areas through the involvement and consultation with parents, community members, school staff, and students. Some of the identified strategies to address these needs include:

- Refine and align the curriculum, instruction and assessment with integrated technology
- Provide intensive and sustained staff professional development
- Expand behavioral strategies in the District Curriculum Frameworks
- Develop and implement a systemic process to identify student progress and provide individualize support
- Expand the Co-Teaching model within the inclusion Special Education Program

FWISD staff and teachers welcome parents to support the education of their children. See below for a list of what you can do

- Create a culture of learning and make school a family priority
- Make sure your children get plenty of sleep so they are alert and ready to learn
- Make sure your children start their day early enough to arrive at school on time
- Make sure your children attend school every day
- Join a parent organization
- Ask about schoolwork and homework
- When the Parent Portal is active at your campus, acquire a password for usage
- Keep a weekly calendar
- Have students fully immunized
- Provide a quiet place and time for study in the home
- Discuss students' report cards and ask about progress in each subject
- Read to children every day, even if they are readers themselves
- Get a library card and borrow books from the public library or the school library
- Talk about college readiness
- Encourage your high school children visit the college GO Center at their campus
- Limit TV watching and video games



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- Encourage more reading or online research
- Eat meals together as much as possible
- Play together
- Alert teachers or counselors at the first sign of your child's discouragement or disinterest towards school
- Encourage your children to become involved in school-related activities or sports
- Follow school rules on appropriate dress and behavior
- Be aware of District policies
- Seek tutoring
- Be open to communication with teachers and staff
- Let teachers know of specific talents or challenges your child may have

For additional information about parental involvement, please visit FWISD's website at <http://www.fwisd.org/parents/Pages/default.aspx>

For additional information about the AYP definition please visit TEA's website at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/ayp/>.

To view district improvement plan requirements, please visit this link:
http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=2147484929&menu_id=798.

If you have questions concerning this letter or need assistance in accessing information from the internet, please contact: Mirgitt Crespo, Director Federal Programs at 817-814-2280 or Stephanie Jackson, Director Parent Engagement at 817-814-2970.

Sincerely,


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