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Dear Parents,

Our school district is committed to providing a high-quality education program for your child, and the schools are working hard to provide programs to help all students succeed. As a part of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation, we would like to report our scores for the 2009/2010 school year. This letter gives you information about how our school was rated in the federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) criteria. If you would like more information regarding our school and how it compared to all schools in the district, please visit the school-district/s website at <http://www.escambia.k12.fl.us>. Our School Improvement Plan is also available at <http://www.fldoe.org>. Another way to know about our school is the School Public Accountability Report (SPAR) which is available at the school or on line at <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclb spar/index.cfm>. Please compare our school scores (Reading- 92%, Mathematics -89%, and Writing- 88%) to the district (Reading- 57%, Mathematics- 62%, and Writing- 92%.) At our school two subgroups, Black Students and Students with Disabilities did not make the AYP target. We will be working even harder to improve this year.

Our school is committed to providing exciting and effective programs that will make the 2010/2011 school year more successful. Some of these programs include the following: Accelerated Reader/Reading Renaissance, a motivational reading program; SuccessMaker/FCAT Explorer, programs used to reinforce reading, math, and science skills; and a performing arts program that offers music, dance, and drama instruction for all students.

You are very important to your child's education. "In fact, many studies show that what the family does is more important to a child's school success than how much money the family makes or how much education the parent has. By showing interest in your child's education, the parent can spark enthusiasm ...and lead them to an understanding that learning is well worth the effort required." (US Department of Education). As you look at our subgroups, you will see some of them need to improve. Parents, here are some ways you can help your child be successful at our school this year: make sure your child is here and on time every day, check homework folders daily, and make sure your child reads and/or is read to every day. You may also want to consider becoming a volunteer at our school and we welcome your involvement in our very active and supportive Parent/Teacher Association (PTA).

At our school, every teacher has a valid teaching certificate from the State of Florida. In addition, in 2009-2010, 100% of the courses are taught by teachers who meet the additional requirements to be "highly qualified" (HQT) by NCLB standards.

As we begin this school year, we have high expectations for meeting our goals, and our staff looks forward to working with you and your child. Please contact the school if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Patti Thomas,  
Principal