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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you that Collier County Local Educational Agency (LEA) has been identified as an LEA in corrective action based on the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. This means that the LEA did not meet one or more of the state academic achievement criteria, or Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets, in Reading, writing, mathematics, and/or graduation rate for **four or more** consecutive years. AYP measure the performance of all students and specific student groups based on race/ethnicity, free and reduced price lunch status, disability, and English proficiency.

To make AYP, a certain percentage of the students in each group must score at grade level, or be proficient, on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test® (FCAT) in reading, writing, and mathematics. If one student group is not proficient, the entire district does not meet the AYP requirements. This does not mean the LEA is failing; it means that certain areas need improvement.

The table below shows the percentage of proficient students in your district compared to other students in the state.

2008-09 Percent of Students Scoring Proficient			
SUBJECT	GOAL	LEA	STATE
Reading	65%	61%	60%
Mathematics	68%	66%	66%
Writing	Increase 1% or 90% or higher	Goal Met	Goal Met
Graduation Rate	Increase 1% or 90% or higher	Goal Met	Goal Met

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

Collier County Local Educational Agency will complete a District Improvement Plan to address the achievement of its students and the areas the LEA did not make AYP. Your LEA's plan can be accessed on the Florida Department of Education's Web site at http://www.fbsi.org/0910_sip_template/login.aspx. The Department will also provide support to

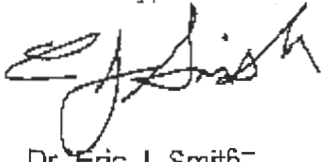
your LEA in the areas they missed AYP. In addition, the LEA will be required to move some of the administrative funds from Title I, Part A to support activities that improve student achievement.

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

- attending parent conference with your child's teacher
- participating in activities at the school
- becoming a member of the School Advisory Council
- volunteering at your child's school

If you have questions regarding the academic progress of your child's school, your LEA, or how to become more involved, we encourage you to contact your school principal.

Sincerely,



Dr. Eric J. Smith

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LEA en áreas en las cuales no obtuvo AYP. Además, se le obliga al LEA transferir algunos fondos administrativos de Título I (Parte A) para el apoyo de actividades de mejoramiento de realización estudiantil.

Ustedes juegan un papel importante en la educación de sus hijos. Les invitamos a participar en la escuela de sus hijos:

- Asistiendo a las conferencias con los maestros de sus hijos
- Participando en las actividades en la escuela
- Integrándose como miembro del Comité de Consejo Asesor Escolar
- Brindando su servicio voluntario en la escuela de sus hijos

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta con relación al progreso académico de la escuela de sus hijos, LEA, o sobre como puede participar, le animamos ponerse en contacto con el director de la escuela.

Sinceramente,

Dr. Eric J. Smith

Sonje ke ou jwe yon wòl enpòtan nan edikasyon pitit ou. Nou envite ou pou w vini patisipe nan lekòl pitit ou a:

- vini nan konferans paran yo avèk pwofesè pitit ou a
- patisipe nan aktivite nan lekòl yo
- vini tounen yon manb nan Konsèy Konsiltatif Lekòl la
- vini travay kòm volontè nan lekòl pitit ou a

si ou genyen kesyon konsènan pwogresyon akademik nan lekòl pitit ou a, LEA ou la, oswa kijan ou ka vini patisipe plis, nou ankouraje ou kontakte direktè lekòl pitit ou a.

Sensèman,

Dr. Eric J. Smith