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Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you that DeSoto County Local Educational Agency (LEA) has been identified as a LEA in corrective action based on the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001. 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. Adequate Yearly Progress measures 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 students in each group must score at grade level, or be proficient, on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test® (FCAT)/FCAT 2.0 in reading, writing, and mathematics. If one student group is not proficient, the entire LEA 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 LEA compared to other students in the state.

2010-2011 Percent of Students Scoring Proficient			
SUBJECT	GOAL	LEA	STATE
Reading	79%	52%	62%
Mathematics	80%	63%	68%
Writing	Improved by 1%	Yes	Yes
Graduation	Increased by 2%	No	Yes

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

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DeSoto County Local Educational agency will complete a District Improvement and Assistance Plan (DIAP) 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 website at http://www.flbsi.org/1011_SIP/Login.aspx. The Florida Department of Education 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 improves 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 conferences 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.

Sincerely,



Gerard Robinson

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