



**De Kalb Independent School District
101 Maple Street
De Kalb, Texas 75559**

October 7, 2010

TO PARENTS OF STUDENTS ATTENDING THE DEKALB INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

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 DeKalb ISD is subject to the LEA-level School Improvement Program (SIP) requirements for Stage 1 for the 2010-2011 school year based on the reading and math indicators. 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/aypl/>.

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: Review all current student data, provide sustained staff development for all DISD employees, review District and campus plans, coordinate department meetings for staff and encourage parental involvement. You may become involved in addressing the reasons the district is identified for improvement by assisting in the following ways: participate in parent involvement activities, volunteer to serve on district or campus level committees, assist in reviewing the campus or district improvement plan, attend district functions that explain and promote TAKS and TAKS skills, visit the DISD website for current activities and talk to your child about school and the importance of a good education and daily school attendance.

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:

Kim Birdsong Elementary Principal, Neilan Hensley Middle School Principal or Richard Coleman High School Principal.

We thank you for assisting DeKalb ISD.

David Manley
DeKalb ISD Superintendent