

SPRING VALLEY C.C. SCHOOL DISTRICT #99

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Spring Valley C.C. School District #99 is committed to providing a high-quality educational program for your child. We are working hard to provide programs to help all students succeed in our school district.

Your child attends John F. Kennedy Elementary School, which receives federal Title I funds. These funds provide help for you child to meet state achievement standards. In the 2011-2012 school year, the school did not meet the adequate yearly progress (AYP) targets. Your child's school entered school improvement status in 2010, which means the school has failed to make adequate yearly progress for at least three years in the same subject and is required to offer public school choice and offer Supplemental Education Services in which a family must meet low-income guidelines to qualify for services.

Our District's 2012 report card and the most recent AYP status report for your school shows how your child's school compares to other schools in the state. You can obtain a copy of these reports on our website, at your child's school, or at the school district office.

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Your child's school has been identified because the students' special education reading scores did not make Adequate Yearly progress for the third year. Students this year were to be at 85% in reading and math. In Reading 74.7% of our students met, 60.7% of our Hispanic population met, 33.9% of our Students with Disabilities population met, and 65.9% of our Economically Disadvantaged students met the necessary standards. In Math 56.7% of our Students with Disabilities met the necessary standards.

The school is working to improve the school's academic program by providing professional development to Kindergarten through 8th grade teachers for:

- Train staff on special education learning strategies using researched based materials
- Alignment to the Core Curriculum
- Mandate teacher use of researched based reading strategies and interventions.
- Train teachers on data analysis to guide instruction.

The district and the State Board of Education are working with your child's school to help improve the academic standards of the school. This is being accomplished by providing technical assistance to the teachers and administrators within our child's school.

However, this may not be enough and we want to request your help as the school addresses its academic problems through Family Night, Open House, Parent-Teacher Conferences and letters from administration.

The *No Child Left Behind Act* provides you, as a parent, the option to transfer your child to another public school within the District with transportation provided by the District. We have contacted neighboring district to request that they provide us with a school(s) we can offer you as an option. No school district has agreed to do so this school year. We will offer Supplemental Education Services in which a family must meet low-income guidelines to qualify for services.

Please call Superintendent Jim Hermes if you have any questions about these services. You may also join us to talk about your options on October 1, 2011 at 8:30 A.M. at Kennedy School to help you decide what is best for your child.

Thank you,

Mr. James Hermes, Superintendent