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Dr. Eric J. Smith
Commissioner of Education

September 17, 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Charlotte County school district is a district in corrective action based on federal requirements. This means that the district did not meet one or more Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals for **four or more** consecutive years. Adequate Yearly Progress measures the performance of all students and specific student groups based on race/ethnicity, lunch status, disability, and English proficiency.

To make AYP, a certain percentage of students in each group must meet the goals on state tests in reading, writing, and mathematics. If one student group does not meet the goal, the entire school district does not meet AYP. This does not mean the school district is failing; it means that certain areas need improvement.

The table below shows how our school district compares to others in the state:

2009-2010 Percent of Students Meeting the Goal			
SUBJECT	GOAL	DISTRICT	STATE
Reading	**72%**	**66%**	**62%**
Mathematics	**74%**	**73%**	**68%**
Writing	**Improve by 1%**	**Goal Met**	**Yes**
Graduation Rate	**Increase by 2%**	**Goal Not Met**	**Yes**

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

Our school district will develop a District Improvement Plan to address the achievement of its students and the areas the district did not make AYP. Your district's plan can be accessed on the Florida Department of Education's website at http://flbsi.org/schoolimprove/index.htm, which will be accessible after October 1, 2010. The Department will also provide support to the district

in the areas they missed AYP in addition to using administrative funds from Title I, Part A to support activities that improve student achievement.

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

- Attending meetings 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.

If you have questions regarding the academic progress of your child's school or district, we encourage you to contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

Dr. Eric J. Smith

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