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**Parent Notification Letter  
 School Improvement (SI) Parent Option Letter – Year 1**

July 22, 2009

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

In January 2002, the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB), was signed into law to improve educational opportunities for all children attending a Title I school. This federally funded program provides assistance to schools serving students who are at risk for academic failure. This legislation supports the school district's efforts to provide a strong standards-based educational program for students along with accountability for student achievement.

Tempe Accelerated High School operates a Title I program. NCLB requires that all Title I schools make **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)** in all indicators for two consecutive years. Parents of children attending Title I schools that have not made AYP are required to be notified of the school's AYP status.

**Parents of children attending Title I schools that have not made AYP have the option of Public School Choice with free transportation to a school not identified for improvement.**

The table below details the AYP determination for our school for the 08-09 school year.

AYP Determination	
Met 95% Percent Tested in Math?	Yes
Met 95% Percent Tested in Reading?	Yes
Met Annual Measurable Objectives in Math?	Yes
Met Annual Measurable Objectives in Reading?	Yes
Met 90% K-8 Attendance Rate?	NA
Met 71 % High School Graduation Rate or Increased 1% from Previous Year?	Yes

While we met all of the AYP indicators for the 08-09 school year, our school is still is currently identified to be in **Year 1 of Title I School Improvement (Frozen)**. This is because we must meet these indicators for two years in a row in order to exit improvement status. We did not meet the graduation rate indicator for the 07-08 school year, but did meet it for the 08-09 school year and projections are that we will meet the indicator for the 09-10 school year..

The following chart provides a comparison of our school to other elementary or secondary schools in our district and in the State as required by NCLB.

Grade	My School	My District	Arizona Schools	State	State	State
	% Proficient in Math	% Proficient in Math	% Proficient in Math	% Proficient in Reading	% Proficient in Reading	% Proficient in Reading
2011 cohort	NA*	NA*	70.0%	NA*	NA*	74.6%

\*This data is not reported because the number of students involved is less than forty and therefore is not reportable under NCLB guidelines.

### School Choice

Due to our school's Title I School Improvement designation, your child may be eligible to attend a school that is NOT identified for Title I School Improvement and the district will pay for transportation. Our school district, however, consists of only one school, Tempe Accelerated High School, so this option is not available to our students.

### School Improvement Plan

We have been working with the district and the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to revise the Arizona School Improvement Plan for our school. In order to address the indicators of not making AYP, the district and ADE are assisting our school in:

- Providing support in developing /revising an Arizona School Improvement Plan to assist us in improving our graduation rate.
- Coordinating our state and federal funding to assist us in improving our graduation rate.

The school is implementing the following strategies to address the indicator(s) of not making AYP:

- Provide additional support to juniors and seniors who have fewer credits than is required to graduate in four years
- Creating a class to target juniors and seniors students who are behind to allow for credit recovery
- Training instructional staff in using techniques and strategies to assist students in making choices that keep them in school when discouragement or other factors may otherwise persuade the student to drop out

We encourage you to become involved by participating in the development of the Arizona School Improvement Plan. Please contact Myron Hammond at 480-831-6057 if you are interested in being part of a committee or would like more information on our school. As a reminder, our Title I annual meeting will be held on September 23, 2009, 6:00 pm, Tempe Accelerated High School, and our instructional staff will be available to answer questions.

Educationally yours,

  
Myron Hammond

School Principal

  
Sally Moore

Federal Programs Coordinator