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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Since 2001, the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) has required that all school districts and Title I schools across the nation make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). All school districts and Title I schools that fail to reach the AYP targets for two consecutive years in the same content area are identified for Program Improvement (PI). Despite ongoing continuous improvement in many areas, including the migration to the Common Core State Standards, the Elk Grove Unified School District remains as a Program Improvement district.

The U.S. Department of Education (ED) invited states to apply for a one-year waiver that would allow PI determinations to be made using only the participation rate, attendance rate, and graduation rate for the 2014-2015 school year. California applied for the waiver and the ED has approved this waiver request. Elk Grove Unified School District maintains its Program Improvement status, and does not advance further in Program Improvement because as a district we made AYP for this reporting cycle.

The Elk Grove Unified School District continues to implement the following State Board of Education requirements:

- To institute and fully implement a State Board and District approved curriculum, aligned with state academic content and achievement standards
- To contract with a District Assistance and Intervention Team (DAIT)
- To revise the District Plan to document steps to fully implement the assigned corrective action
- To submit an annual report describing our progress towards implementing the District Plan
- To utilize at least ten percent of our district Title I funds for professional development

We are committed to ensuring each student receives a high quality learning experience. Through our implementation of the Common Core State Standards curriculum, development of professional learning communities and the use of research-based, innovative instructional practices, we strive to ensure every child is adequately prepared for post-secondary education, life-long learning, employment, and 21st century global citizenship.

You may find out more about EGUSD's achievement data and ESEA on the California Department of Education's website at www.cde.ca.gov. You can also visit the U.S. Department of Education's website for more information on federal guidelines at www.ed.gov.

Parents can assist the District by learning more about ESEA and public education. I encourage you to get involved with our schools and ask what you can do to help your child, and our schools, succeed. We remain focused on knowing each student by name and need. Our schools continue to provide a learning community that challenges **ALL** students to realize their greatest potential.

If you have questions about the District's status as a PI district or about our academic plan, please contact our Learning Support Services Department at (916) 686-7712.

Sincerely,

Christopher R. Hoffman
Superintendent

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