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Dear Einstein Families:

After receiving the School Choice Letter you received last week, many of you have questions regarding Einstein's achievement data and have asked for additional information about No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). The purpose of this letter is to explain and highlight Einstein's 2009 achievement data and to provide answers to your questions about NCLB and AYP.

First, many of you have questions about Einstein students' performance on the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL). **It is important that you know that Einstein's 2009 WASL scores show significant improvement over last year's scores in many areas. Highlights include:**

- An improvement of 10 percent in 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at standard in reading, rising from 74 percent to 84 percent at standard; an improvement of 6 percent in 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at standard in math, rising from 61 percent to 67 percent at standard
- An improvement of 8 percent in 5<sup>th</sup> graders at standard in reading, rising from 72 percent to 80 percent at standard; an improvement of 9 percent in 5<sup>th</sup> graders at standard in math, rising from 59 percent to 68 percent at standard
- An improvement of 9 percent in 5<sup>th</sup> graders at standard in science, rising from 55 percent to 64 percent at standard. *In fact, Einstein is improving in this area, whereas the district as a whole showed a 2.5 percent decline in 5<sup>th</sup> grade science*

**These improvements show significant areas of growth for Einstein students, and we should be proud of our progress!** While we have much to celebrate, we do have some areas for concern:

- At both 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 6<sup>th</sup> grade, math scores declined, 23 percent at 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 7 percent at 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade reading and writing scores showed a decline from last year. Reading scores decline 7 percent, while writing scores declined 12 percent
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade reading scores remained flat, with no improvement or decline in this area over last year's scores

Each year, the Einstein staff looks deeply into our data to determine how we can sustain student achievement growth and address any areas of concern. While the overall data gives us a general picture of how our school is performing as a whole, ***what is most important is the individual achievement of each student at Einstein. We are committed to continuing efforts to meet the needs of each individual Einstein student and to celebrate the unique and rich diversity of our school.***

The enclosed "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) document provides you with answers to your question about AYP. Please feel free to contact me with additional questions about your child's performance.

Sincerely,