



## GEORGIA O'KEEFFE ELEMENTARY

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*A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE*

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Dear Georgia O'Keeffe Families,

As you probably know, the Federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) was designed to ensure that our children receive a quality education in a high performing school setting. The Act mandates that each school in each state assess third through fifth graders to determine if the school has made adequate yearly progress (AYP) which means they have met the academic standards set forth by the state.

AYP determination is based on whether our students in each sub-group of: Caucasian, African – American, Hispanic, Asian, American Indian, English Language Learners, Students with Disabilities and Economically Disadvantaged reach the proficient performance level on the Standards Based Assessment (SBA).

Our students met AYP, with 80 percent proficiency in reading and 79 percent proficiency in math. However a sub group within our student population did not meet proficiency. This means that our school status falls under the category of not making AYP in our school rating.

In addition, our total student population showed an increase of 7 percent growth in math and 4 percent in reading, which means our school designation is progressing. This simply means we are making gains, as expected, with the exception of one subgroup.

In the scheme of things, our students and teachers are making excellent progress, as evidenced by our school scores which are 25 to 30 percentile points higher than the district and state school average.

At Georgia O'Keeffe, we are devoted to the students of all of our subgroups, and are proud of every accomplishment each student in our school makes. We will continue using intervention

strategies and professional development opportunities to support increased academic achievement for our sub-group, in need of support, as well as to all of our students.

We will always continue our path of continuous improvement for instructing our children and will enthusiastically partner with you in providing the best education possible for our students.

Please know our SBA test data is hanging on the wall across from our main office for you to review at any time, as we are proud of the knowledge our students have shown on the SBA's and of the abilities and skills of our teachers in providing excellent academic instruction.

If you would like to review our updated Educational Plan for Student Success, you may find it on our school web page as a link.

If you have any questions, always feel free to contact me at Georgia O'Keeffe.

Sincerely,

Lucinda Sanchez, Principal