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Dear Parent:

This letter is to inform you that Dade County School District has been identified as a district in need of corrective action based on the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. This means that the district did not meet all state student achievement criteria, or Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), in reading, writing, and/or mathematics for four or more years. The Dade County School District met 79 percent of the AYP criteria.

The Florida Department of Education requires your school district to develop a plan to improve the achievement of its schools. This District Improvement, Assistance, and Intervention Plan can be accessed on the Department's website at http://www.flbsi.org/0809_sip_template/login.aspx. In addition, the district must move some of its funds to the schools to support activities that improve student achievement.

You play an important role in your child's education, and I invite you to become involved in your child's school. There are many ways of participating in your child's education, such as:

- Attending parent conferences with your child's teacher
- Participating in activities at the school
- Becoming a member of the School Advisory Council
- Volunteering at your child's school

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Eric J. Smith

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