



February 25, 2010

Dear Parent:

The Port Arthur Independent School District is sharing the enclosed information about the district and your child's campus with you as part of its obligations under the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and the Texas Education Agency.

The following information is now available on the district's website located at <http://www.paisd.org>. You should go to the Curriculum and Instruction webpage and then click the Student Achievement link. Also, you may access student achievement data by visiting the state's website at <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/ayp/2009/index.html>. The Texas Education Agency has also developed the Texas NCLB Report Card, a web-based system to generate the campus-LEA-and state-level reports. This information may be located at the following link: http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=4638&menu_=798.

- Assessment results for the LEA and campuses are disaggregated by race/ethnicity, gender, disability status, migrant status, English proficiency, and economically disadvantaged showing two-year (2007-08 and 2008-09) trend data for each subject and grade tested as provided by the TEA

By performance level,
With a comparison between annual objectives and actual performance
for each student group, and
Including the percentage of each group of students not tested

- Graduation rates for secondary school students.
- Performance of school district and campuses on adequate yearly progress (AYP)
- Number and names of Title I schools identified as in need of improvement, including the stage of improvement and AYP indicator missed for any schools identified for improvement.
- Professional qualifications of teachers in the LEA and campuses, including the percentage of teachers teaching with emergency or provisional credentials and the percentage of classes in the LEA and campuses that are not taught by highly qualified teachers, including a comparison between high-and low-poverty campuses within the LEA <http://burlson.tea.state.tx.us/ReportInterface/>.

If you have difficulty accessing the information from the website, hard copies of the reports are available at the district or campus office. If you have questions about the information, please contact Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Mark Porterie (409-989-6238) or email at mporterie@paisd.org,

The NCLB/AYP report card will be discussed at a district-wide parent meeting on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 6:00 pm at the PAISD old boardroom located at Stilwell Technical Center, 4801 9th Ave., Port Arthur, TX 77642.

Sincerely,


Superintendent of Schools