



San Joaquin County Office of Education
Mick Founts, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students in the San Joaquin County Office of Education:

LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY IDENTIFIED FOR PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT, YEAR 3: CORRECTIVE ACTION

This is to inform you that San Joaquin Office of Education has been identified as a Program Improvement (PI) local educational agency (LEA) in Year 3+, corrective action. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)/The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to annually review the student academic performance in English-Language arts (ELA) and mathematics of each LEA that receives funds under Title I, Part A. An LEA is identified as PI if it fails to meet yearly student performance goals, known as Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), for two consecutive years.

ESEA/NCLB also requires the California State Board of Education (SBE) to determine a corrective action for each PI Year 3 LEA. Corrective action is the collective name given to the steps an LEA must take that substantially and directly respond to instructional, managerial and organizational problems in the LEA and that will lead to students achieving proficiency in the core academic subjects of ELA and Mathematics.

At its November 2008 meeting, the SBE determined that San Joaquin Office of Education must take the following corrective action(s):

- Institute and fully implement an SBE-adopted/standards-aligned curriculum in ELA and Mathematics.
- Revise the LEA Plan to document steps to fully implement the SBE-assigned corrective action.

How can parents help the LEA improve?

Here are some suggestions to help you work with us to support improvements:

Learn more about the ESEA/NCLB requirements and become aware of strategies to improve student academic achievement. Additional information and resources are available at:

- The California Department of Education Title I, Part A Web page at <http://cde.ca.gov/sp/sw/t1/titleparta.asp>
- Program Improvement Status Determinations Web Page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ay/tidetermine.asp>
- The U.S. Department of Education's Web Page at <http://www.ed.gov> (Outside Source) and <http://www.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml>
- ✓ Talk with LEA staff about the LEA Plan <http://www.sjcoe.org/edservices/FinalLEAPlanAddendum.doc> and the revisions that must be made to help students meet the state standards in ELA and mathematics.
- ✓ Visit your child's school. You also may participate in voluntary activities to assist your school or LEA.
- ✓ If you are a parent of a student who attends a Title I PI school, ask about school choice options to transfer your child, with paid transportation, to a public school in your LEA that is not identified as a PI school.

I encourage you to contact Kristen Condit at (209) 468-9236 for further information about any of these requirements and to find out how you can become involved in our efforts to improve our county office of education.

Sincerely,

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