

September, 2015

Dear Fairview School Parents and Guardians,

This letter is to inform you about the status of Fairview School's educational program and Program Improvement (PI) activities. Although the calculation of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), has been suspended by the state of California, Fairview School must still carry-out Program Improvement activities. This is a result of State Board of Education actions stating that schools that were previously in PI are now "frozen" there until new guidelines are adopted.

Federal law requires school districts to offer parents of Program Improvement schools the opportunity to transfer to other schools within their own district that have not been identified for Program Improvement. Since there is only one school per grade span in our district, transferring to another school within the district is not possible. We are attempting to complete a cooperative agreement with another district to offer further choice for our students. Please see the district website for further information.

We welcome your participation in our efforts to provide a balanced, effective educational program. We have a number of new and continuing programs that are being utilized to increase student achievement. These include:

- Focused intervention programs provided during the school day to students identified in need of additional services.
- Supplemental Educational Service (SES) provided after school to the students most in need of improvement
- Parent involvement opportunities to assist with student academics and student extra-curricular activities
- English Language Development Teacher to help focus on English Language Development and English Learners

Fairview School and Orland Unified School District is in the process of matching ongoing assessments with the new Common Core State Standards in order to help all schools use student learning data to make decisions about teaching, intervention and enrichment. This includes regular teacher collaboration opportunities addressing the literacy and math needs for all students and in particular underachieving subgroups. This data is also used to make revisions to the school plan. In addition, an Alternative Governance Board (AGB), which is a subcommittee of the School Board, will review the educational program on a routine basis and report the school's progress to the School Board. We welcome your involvement in our educational process.

How can you help Fairview School? Fairview School and Orland Unified School District are committed to providing your student with a quality education. We need parents to be equally dedicated.

We invite you to be involved in our efforts to continuously improve the quality of education at our school. Volunteer to help at Fairview School. Here are ways you can make a difference:

- Attend school events
- Ask your student what is happening in class
- Support your student's responsibility to complete homework and class assignments/projects
- Provide reading opportunities for your student
- Become involved in policy and decision making opportunities such as School Site Council or English Learner Advisory Committee
- Know your student's teacher
- Ask how your talents can best be put to work in our educational efforts

Additionally, Parent Conference week will be November 18th - 24th, 2015. Please make a note to meet with your student's teacher to discuss his/her progress.

Together we can make a difference for our children, for our school and for our district. Please feel free to contact me at 865-1235. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tracy Sailsbery, Principal