



Fontana Unified School District

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April 29, 2008

Dear Fontana Family:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Date Elementary is currently identified as a Program Improvement (PI) Year 2 School under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001. Although the 2008 test results will not be available until August 29, 2008 we want to provide you with the School Choice Transfer option prior to the first day of the 2008-09 school year.

A provision of NCLB allows all students in a PI Year 2 school the following options:

Public School Choice
or
Supplemental Educational Services (SES)/Free Tutoring

The purpose of this letter is to discuss the Public School Choice Option. We will send you a separate letter and application for SES/Free Tutoring. **Parents may select only one option: School Choice or SES/Free Tutoring.**

What is PI?

NCLB requires the state and district to review annually the academic progress of federally funded Title I schools and to identify schools in need of improvement. These schools are identified as PI schools after two consecutive years of not making adequate yearly progress (AYP). California determines AYP by considering the following four measures:

- The percentage of students scoring at the “proficient” or “advanced” level on the California Standards Tests for English-language arts and mathematics in all significant subgroups
- The percentage of students participating in those tests
- The graduation rate for high schools
- California’s own accountability measurement of progress, the Academic Performance Index (API)

Public school choice: What right does a parent have to request a transfer to a school that is not in PI?

All parents/guardians of students attending a PI school have the right to request a transfer of their child(ren) to a non-PI district school with district-paid transportation.

For parents who select this option, the district will provide transportation to the non-PI school for as long as the home school continues to be identified as a PI school. If the home school exits PI by making AYP for two consecutive years, the student can remain at the school; however, transportation will no longer be district-paid. If the demand for choice exceeds funds available, priority will be given to lowest achieving, low-income students.

If you are interested in transferring your child(ren) to a non-PI school in the district for the 2008-09 school year, please select from the following schools. Your preference of a non-PI school will be taken into consideration.

Name of School	API Scores * 800	Schoolwide	Schoolwide
		English-Language Arts Percent Proficient or above** (Elem target = 24.4%)	Mathematics Percent Proficient or above** (Elem target= 26.5%)
Date Elementary	693	24.9	36.2
Locust Elementary	723	35.5	44.4
Poplar Elementary	717	33.1	43.8
Redwood Elementary	752	36.8	53.2

*800 on the API = Meeting the state proficiency target for schools on the Academic Performance Index

**While the school achieved its schoolwide target, one or more subgroups may have missed their target

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(1) Locust Elementary School K-6

7420 Locust Avenue • Fontana, CA 92335 • (909) 357-5650

Sandra Gray, Principal

Locust has an Academic Performance Index (API) score of 723 out of the statewide performance target of 800. Locust has also met all of its Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) criteria. Locust is not in Program Improvement.

(2) Poplar Elementary School K-5

9937 Poplar Avenue • Fontana, CA 92335 • (909) 357-5720

Michelle Hiser, Principal

Poplar has an Academic Performance Index (API) score of 717 out of the statewide performance target of 800. Poplar has also met all of its Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) criteria. Poplar is not in Program Improvement.

(3) Redwood Elementary School K-6

8570 Redwood Avenue • Fontana, CA 92335 • (909) 357-5740

Sergio Chavez, Principal

Redwood has an Academic Performance Index (API) score of 752 out of the statewide performance target of 800. Redwood has also met all of its Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) criteria. Redwood is not in Program Improvement.

If you would like more information about these schools, please contact the school directly or the Categorical Programs Office at (909) 357-5000, extensions 7227 or 7148. You may also go to the district's Web site at www.fusd.net.

How can parents become involved?

The Fontana Unified School District is committed to working with your child's school to revise its school plan to increase student achievement. Parents can help to improve student achievement at their child's school by becoming involved. Here are some things you can do:

- Learn more about the new NCLB requirements. Additional information and resources are available at the following Web sites:
 - The California Department of Education, <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/sw/t1/titleparta.asp> and <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/sw/t1/titlelpf.asp>
 - The U.S. Department of Education, <http://www.ed.gov> and <http://www.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml?src=fp>
- Attend the School Site Council meetings to assist with required Program Improvement Steps.
- Volunteer to help in your child's classroom or in the school's office.
- Participate in parent trainings at your child's school. Research shows that strong parental involvement leads to student success at school.

If you choose to transfer your child(ren) from Date Elementary to a non Program Improvement school, please complete the enclosed application form and return it to your child's school office no later than Friday, May 30, 2008.

If you do not want to transfer your child(ren) from Date Elementary, please select the waiver box on the enclosed application and return it to your child's school office no later than Friday, May 30, 2008.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Rivero

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