



Fontana Unified School District

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May 4, 2009

Dear Fontana Family:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Cypress Elementary is currently identified as a Program Improvement (PI) Year 4 School under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001. Although the 2009 test results will not be available until August 30, 2009 we want to provide you with the School Choice Transfer option prior to the first day of the 2009-10 school year.

A provision of NCLB allows all students in a PI Year 4 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 2009-10 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 English-Language Arts Percent Proficient or above** (Elem target = 35.2%)	Schoolwide Mathematics Percent Proficient or above** (Elem target= 37%)
Cypress Elementary	731	33.3%	49.9%
Juniper Elementary	747	39.2%	46.9%
Maple Elementary	764	46.1%	49%

*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) Juniper Elementary K-5

7655 Juniper Avenue • Fontana, CA 92336 • (909) 357-5480

Adele Thomas, Principal

Juniper has an Academic Performance Index (API) score of 747 out of the statewide performance target of 800. Juniper has also met all of its Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) criteria and is not in Program Improvement.

(2) Maple Elementary K-5

751 S. Maple • Fontana, CA 92335 • (909) 357-5670

Michael Garcia, Principal

Maple has an Academic Performance Index (API) score of 764 out of the statewide performance target of 800. Maple has also met all of its Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) criteria and is not in Program Improvement.

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 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.

If you choose to transfer your child(ren) from Cypress 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 29, 2009.

If you do not want to transfer your child(ren) from Cypress Elementary, please select the waiver box on the enclosed application and return it to your child's school office no later than Friday, May 29, 2009.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Rivero

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