



EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Includes Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace and Woodway

Dear Families:

Our staff is committed to the success of our schools and to providing quality education for each of our students. As part of the "No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2002," school districts are required to notify parents/guardians when the district has not made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for two or more consecutive years in the same area. When this takes place, a district, such as our district this year, is identified as being in District Improvement Step 1.

AYP is determined on an annual basis by four measures: 1) the percentage of students participating in the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL); 2) the percentage of students meeting the WASL standards in reading and math; 3) the percentage of students in grades K-8 who have unexcused absences during the year; and 4) the graduation rate at high school. The first two measures are calculated across several categories of student characteristics, including ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and participation in special education programs.

For two years, we did not make AYP in reading or math at the elementary and middle school levels, and we did not make AYP in math at the high school level. Due to the AYP formulas, no district in Washington state with more than 3,500 students made AYP in 2007 or 2008.

We are now in the process of revising our District Improvement Plan to address areas of improvement. If you would like to participate in conversations about the plan, please contact Nick Brossoit, superintendent, at 425-431-7003 or brossoitn@edmonds.wednet.edu. A draft copy of the District Improvement Plan can be reviewed at www.edmonds.wednet.edu/about/improveplan.cfm.

There are other important steps parents can take to help their children achieve: 1) make sure your child attends school every day except when ill; 2) make sure your child arrives at school on time; 3) help provide a quiet place for your child to do his/her homework; 4) attend parent conferences to learn about your child's needs; and 5) contact your school's principal to offer to volunteer in the classroom or elsewhere in the school. Being involved in your student's school is a great way to support your child and other students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Anthony Byrd
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• OUR MISSION •

To ADVOCATE for all students by PROVIDING a learning environment which EMPOWERS students, staff and the community to MAXIMIZE their personal, creative and academic potential in order to BECOME lifelong learners and responsible world citizens.