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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Under the federal *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) of 2001, each state is required to assess all school districts to determine if each district has made adequate yearly progress (AYP) toward meeting the academic testing standards and additional measures set by the state. AYP decisions are based on the results of state testing in communication arts and math and the district's attendance rate and graduation rate. If the district has not made AYP for two consecutive years in any one of the four areas, it is considered "in need of improvement."

Based on the results of the 2009-2010 academic testing in communication arts and math and the district's attendance rate and graduation rate, the University Academy Charter School did not make adequate yearly progress. We are pleased to report that University Academy increased significantly in academic test scores this year resulting in middle and upper school meeting AYP in all areas. The Lower School met AYP in attendance and Math and they are working towards meeting AYP in Communication Arts. The University Academy's proficiency rate in Communication Arts is 58% as compared to the State's proficiency rate of 61.7% and the State's achievement target of 67.4%.

We look forward to continuing to improve and we congratulate the students and staff on the success from 2009-2010. As a Parent or Guardian, you can help by volunteering and participating in the many parent involvement sessions offered at University Academy. We will be sharing test scores at the first PTA session during this school year and we hope you can attend. You can also help by increasing your understanding of the assessment, understanding the importance of good attendance and graduating from school, visiting schools and becoming a volunteer, and engaging in reading and math strategies at home. Information about *No Child Left Behind* and what parents can do to improve student achievement can be found at: <http://www.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml>

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Dr. Tiffany Anderson  
Superintendent

*The mission of University Academy is to prepare students to succeed in an institution of higher learning and to participate as leaders in society.*

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