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Dear University Academy Middle School Families,

The goal of the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) of 2001 is to ensure that all children in this country receive a quality education. Under NCLB, each state is required to assess all schools to determine if each school 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 school's attendance rate or graduation rate. If the school has not made AYP for two consecutive years, it is considered "in need of improvement."

Based on the results of the 2009-2010 academic testing in communication arts and math and the school's attendance rate or graduation rate, we are pleased to report that University Academy increased significantly in academic test scores this year resulting in middle school meeting AYP. However, as a result of past academic performance, the middle school was identified as "in need of improvement" and must meet AYP for two consecutive years before we exit school improvement status. Using the Safe Harbor and confidence interval provisions, the middle school met AYP based on the state's achievement targets of 67.4% for Communication Arts and 63.3% for Math.

When a school is identified for improvement, Supplemental Educational Services (SES) are available for eligible children. Information about SES and how to obtain services are being sent in a separate letter to parents of eligible children. All students from low-income families, those that qualify for free or reduced school lunch, who attend a Title I school in its second year or above of school improvement are eligible for SES. Information about public school choice and Supplemental Educational Services (SES) will also be available on the district's website at www.universityacademy.org under Middle School under the "Student" tab. The school choice option for students attending a building identified as in need of improvement is not available for students attending University Academy because this is our only school serving the middle school students.

Because this is the third year of this designation, the school is considered to be in Level 3, Corrective Action of School Improvement. We will continue to evaluate, update, and implement the plan for improvement which has been developed. One important component of this plan is parent involvement in the implementation of the plan. We encourage you to become involved with your child's school to support school improvement. You can help by increasing your understanding of the assessment, understanding the importance of good attendance, visiting schools and becoming a volunteer, and engaging in reading and math strategies at home.

We look forward to continued improvements in the middle school at University Academy.

Sincerely,

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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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