



Parental Notification Letter about Choice and Supplemental Educational Services in Year 2 of Program Improvement

September 1, 2011

To the Parents/Guardians of students at Rock Creek School:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that our school continues to be identified as a Program Improvement (PI) school under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001. We are now in PI Year 2 school.

What is PI?

NCLB requires that state and district to review annually the academic progress of federally funded Title 1 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
- 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)

Why is our school identified as PI?

The reason our school continues in PI is because it did not achieve AYP in 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. The AYP area(s) that caused the identification are:

- English-language arts
- Mathematics

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 2011-2012 school year, please select from the following schools. This list of schools is also available on our Web site at www.auburn.k12.ca.us. Your preference of a non-PI school will be taken into consideration.

Name of School	API Scores*	English-language arts Percent Proficient or above** (Elementary target = 67.6%)	Mathematics Percent Proficient or above** (Elementary target = 68.5%)
Rock Creek	746/800	43.3%	50.8%
Auburn Elementary	807/800	50.5%	67.4%
Skyridge	843/800	61.8%	70.2%

* 800 on the API = Meeting the state's percent proficient target for schools on the Academic Performance Index

** Percentage targets vary by grade level span

For more information about any of these schools, please contact the district at (530) 885-7242. You may also go to the district's Web site at www.auburn.k12.ca.us to obtain information.

To apply for a public school choice transfer from a PI school, please complete a Transfer Application form (PP-105) and return by November 1, 2011. Transfer Application forms are available in the Rock Creek office or on the District website. If you need assistance or have questions, please contact Suzanne Flint, Principal at Rock Creek School or Veronica Sanchez, Community Liaison at (530) 885-5189.

Students from low-income families at continuing PI schools, whose parents did not select a public school choice option, are eligible for free Supplemental Education Services (SES). These services are classes or tutoring which occur outside the regular school day with educational providers approved by the State Board of Education. If the

number of eligible students who apply for the SES Program exceeds the financial resources available, the lowest achieving students from low-income families will receive SES first.

There are many benefits to your child(ren) receiving free tutoring.

- He/she receives specific help in English-language arts, mathematic, and or science.
- The tutoring is provided beyond the regular school day.
- The tutoring is delivered in a one-to-one setting or in small groups.

If you are interested in SES, and/or you need assistance in making a selection of an SES provider(s) for your child(ren), please contact Suzanne Flint or Veronica Sanchez at (530) 885-5189.

We are working closely with the district staff to revise our school plan to include:

- Strategies, policies, and practices that utilize scientifically-based research and have the greatest likelihood of ensuring that all groups of students will meet the state's achievement targets
- High quality professional development for school staff that will lead to removing the school from PI status
- Strategies to promote effective parental involvement in the school

Our district is working closely with the Placer County Office of Education (PCOE) to improve curriculum, instruction, and student performance. PCOE provides information, special help, and access to resources for PI schools. PI schools will receive district and/or PCOE technical assistance in:

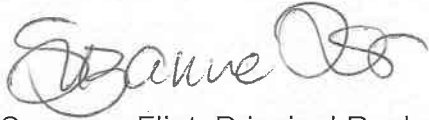
- Analyzing various data reports for revising the school plan
- Strengthening core academic instruction
- Collaborating with parents to increase student academic achievement

Research shows that strong parental involvement leads to student success at school. Parents interested in partnering with the school are encouraged to contact the school for additional information regarding:

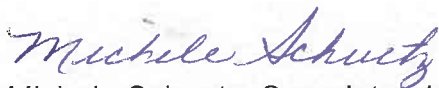
- Parental involvement policies
- School-parent compact
- Ongoing parent/community meetings
- Advisory committee/school site council meetings
- Parent volunteer opportunities

We will keep you updated and informed about opportunities to discuss plans for our school. If you have questions, need additional information on how you can get involved in our school improvement efforts, or would like to discuss the school's instructional program and PI status, please feel free to call me and/or visit the school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne" followed by a stylized flourish.

Suzanne Flint, Principal Rock Creek School

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michele Schuetz" in a cursive style.

Michele Schuetz, Superintendent, Auburn Union School District