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Dear Parents & Students:

A part of the results of the Annual Testing Program in North Carolina is published each year in the form of the *NC School Report Card*. In addition to the individual student results from End-of-Grade or End-of-Course Tests with which you are familiar, the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) provides the online report on each public school within the state as a means of sharing data with the public. The report contains the following sections:

*School Profile; *Student Performance; *School Safety; *School Staff Information

Our school improvement plan focuses on areas in the *NC School Report Card*, since these remain as priority elements of all public schools within the state. SWA will continue to focus on areas of this report including:

*Student Achievement to include growth in all End-of-Course (EOC) Test areas. In preparation for the EOC's, our school will schedule EOC reviews in all EOC courses and will provide after-school tutorial in content areas as well as in both math and reading. The state's testing/accountability program is frequently referred to as the ABC's as noted herein.

*Improved technology available for our students: We have an on-going technology plan that includes upgrading technology as funding becomes available and using available technology to prepare students for the 21st Century.

*Enhancing teachers' skills through on-site staff development in these areas: student management, classroom instructional methods, and helping reluctant learners

*Improving or maintaining teacher licensure (currently above state requirements) and highly qualified teacher data. Our school has 7 of 8 teachers with certification; we are awaiting the certificate for the other teacher and will be 100% by the release date. We also have 50% of our certified staff who hold advanced degrees.

*Teaching Experience (classroom teachers only)

^With 0-3 years: 2

^With 4-10 years: 4

^With 10+ years: 2

(Note: Information on certification, advanced degrees, and experience are not reported on the NC Report Card for charter schools as it is for the other public schools; therefore, we have included that information herein.)

*Continued focus upon textbooks and available instructional materials

*Marketing & Recruiting to help us increase our student enrollment

Southern Wake Academy achieved HIGH GROWTH in the state's ABC program, reflecting that our students outperformed the state's expected growth measure by 10% or more. Student progress was evident in all curriculum areas tested during 2009-2010. Additionally and for the first time in the school's history, SWA met all indicators of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) that is part of the "No Child Left Behind" federal educational requirements. One of the AYP indicators relates to graduation rates; SWA's graduation rate for 2009-2010 was slightly over 80%. SWA's success in both the ABC's and AYP areas reflects that the actions implemented within our school improvement plan have helped bring about the improvements the school needs to move forward in both areas of student achievement and long-term growth.

We congratulate our students and staff for their commendable work reflected in the NC School Report Card for 2009-2010. Please take time to review the results for our school. We hope you will find it informative and useful. Thank you.

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