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NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND - PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Keeping Promises and Achieving Results

Since 2002, the No Child Left Behind Act promised a New Era in American Education...

- All students reading and doing math at grade level by 2014.
- Higher expectations for every student and greater accountability for every school.
- Annual assessments and disaggregated data to observe progress.
- Highly qualified teachers in every classroom.
- Timely information and options for parents.
- The freedom and flexibility to invest in what works.

... and it is Working.

- All 50 states and the District of Columbia have accountability plans in place.
- All 50 states and D.C. assess students in grades 3-8 and once in high school in reading/language arts and mathematics.
- The percentage of classes taught by a highly qualified teacher has risen to over 90%.
- Nearly 450,000 eligible students have received free supplemental educational services (tutoring) or public school choice.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, www.ed.gov

REAUTHORIZING THE NCLB ACT

Congressional committees are working on reauthorizing the NCLB Act. Look for improvements on provisions of the law that have drawn concern, while strengthening those measures that already have proven successful in the nation's schools.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

(Source: U.S. Department of Education, www.ed.gov)

Working With Schools And Teachers

How can I be more actively involved with my child's school?

- ☞ Attend back-to-school nights, student exhibitions and other school events.
- ☞ Attend parent organizational meetings. Voice your hopes and concerns for your child and for the school.
- ☞ Offer to tutor students. If you are comfortable with technology, volunteer to be a computer tutor for both students and teachers, or ask if there are other ways that you can help the school to use technology.
- ☞ Offer to help in the office or to chaperone field trips and other outside events.
- ☞ Agree to serve on parent and community advisory groups to your school.
- ☞ Work in a parent resource center or help to start one.
- ☞ If you are unable to volunteer in the school, look for ways to help at home: Call other parents to tell them about school-related activities, edit the school newsletter or make educational materials for teachers.

When parents get involved in their children's education, the children do better in school, are better behaved, have more positive attitudes toward school and grow up to be more successful in life.

For additional information about NCLB, try the following websites: nclb.gov or www.pde.state.pa.us