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THE LAW IS WORKING

In his remarks at the 2004 National Urban League Conference in Detroit, the former U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige celebrated the achievements of the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) in helping to improve learning for all students. The following is an excerpt of his remarks:

"We know that *No Child Left Behind* is starting to generate some amazing results, transforming the educational landscape. We already see considerable evidence that the law is working...and the law is achievable..."

ACCOUNTABILITY

No Child Left Behind is designed to change the culture of America's schools by closing the achievement gap, offering more flexibility, giving parents more options, and teaching students based on what works.

Under the act's accountability provisions, states must describe how they will make sure all students, including those who are disadvantaged, achieve academic proficiency. They must produce annual state and school district report cards that inform parents and communities about state and school progress. Schools that do not make progress must provide supplemental services, such as free tutoring or after-school assistance; take corrective actions; and, if not making adequate yearly progress after five years, make dramatic changes to the way the school is run.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

(Source: Adapted from an article by Dr. Smialek on her website)

Tips for Parents will continue to focus on helping your child with homework.

Positive Relationship Is Important

The manner in which you check over completed homework needs to be established. After the independent assignments are finished, help your child tackle the work that needs your assistance. Not everyone works equally well with a particular child. If neither parent nor older brothers or sisters can work effectively with your child, then perhaps a tutor is needed.

It is important for all concerned that a positive working relationship is established during the "homework time."

Set Goals for Homework Completion

Set goals and use a clock or timer to help your youngster to develop a sense of timeliness for required tasks. Encourage your child to take responsibility for his homework. Don't allow yourself to get trapped in lengthy discussions or arguments.