



Redlands Unified School District

Educational Services Division

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Redlands Unified School District has made significant academic progress over the past years. Test scores have risen, school attendance rates have increased, new schools have opened, graduation rates are strong, and existing facilities have received modernization. Redlands Unified is moving in a positive direction and parents, students, teachers, and staff deserves credit for these gains.

In 2011, the State of California adopted *Common Core State Standards* (CCSS) to be implemented in 2014-15. The CCSS, adopted by 47 states, will provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn. The standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers. With American students fully prepared for the future, our communities will be best positioned to compete successfully in the global economy.

The District has developed a multi-year plan to continue to improve academic programs, instructional methods, and academic achievement with an emphasis on the implementation of the state's newly adopted *Common Core State Standards*. This will include comprehensive curriculum with an extensive focus on teacher training and professional development to be fully implemented in 2014-15. While Redlands is identified under Federal requirements as a program improvement District, we work diligently to improve how all of our schools deliver academic services as part of the improvement process.

In addition, the District will continue to provide teachers with frequent student assessment reports in math and English to support consistent progress monitoring. The data supplied in these reports assists each school site with the information needed for targeted analysis of the daily instructional program and individual student needs. This analysis includes the identification of individual student needs and the development a targeted plan for further academic support.

We look forward to our new endeavor, and will continue to work diligently to ensure that every child meets high academic standards in a safe and caring learning environment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at (909) 307-5300, ext. 6767.

Respectfully,

Paul Cullen, Assistant Superintendent
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