

**Parent Notification Letter
School Improvement (SI) Parent Option Letter – Year 2**

October 10, 2011

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

In January 2002, the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), was signed into law to improve educational opportunities for all children attending a Title I school. This federally funded program provides assistance to schools serving students who are at risk for academic failure. This legislation supports the school district’s efforts to provide a strong standards-based educational program for students along with accountability for student achievement.

El Capitan operates a Title I program. NCLB requires that all Title I schools make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in all indicators for two consecutive years. Parents of children attending Title I schools that have not made AYP are required to be notified of the school’s AYP status.

El Capitan met AYP for the 2011 school year. Our school improvement status relates to not making AYP in 2009 and 2010 due to graduation rate. The table below details the 2010 AYP determination for our school:

AYP Determination	Yes or No
Met 95% Tested in Math?	Yes
Met 95% Tested in Reading?	Yes
Met Annual Measurable Objectives in Math?	Yes
Met Annual Measurable Objectives in Reading?	Yes
Met 90% K-8 Attendance Rate	Yes
Met 80% High School Graduation Rate	Yes

Our school is currently identified to be in Year 2 of Title I School Improvement.

The following chart provides a comparison of our school to other elementary to secondary schools in the district and in the state as required by NCLB.

Grade	My School	My County	Arizona Schools	My School	My County	Arizona Schools
	% Prof Math	% Prof Math	% Prof Math	% Prof Reading	% Prof Reading	% Prof Reading
3	84	67	68	92	77	76
4	73	66	65	83	76	75
5	74	64	63	81	81	79
6	70	52	59	85	78	81
7	55	60	61	87	80	82
8	55	53	54	66	70	71
HS	69	50	60	82	79	77

School Choice

Due to our school's Title I School Improvement designation, your child will be eligible to attend a school that is NOT identified for Title I School Improvement. There are no alternative public schools in our District at this time.

Parents choosing to transfer their child have the choice of sending their student to **Masada Charter School** located in Centennial Park, Arizona.

School Improvement Plan

We have been working with the Arizona Department of Education to revise the Arizona School Improvement Plan for our school. In order to address the indicators of not making AYP, the school is implementing the following strategies to address the indicator of graduation rate.

- After School /Friday School Tutoring for underperforming students
- Check and Connect for Students at-risk of dropping out
- Counseling for students who have emotional needs that interfere with their academic performance.
- Increasing electives in the high school program
- Increasing sports opportunities for students

We encourage you to become involved by participating in the development of the Arizona School Improvement Plan. Please contact Ms. Fawneta Carroll at 928-875-9012, if you interested in being part of a committee or would like more information on our school. As a reminder, our Title I annual meeting will each summer and staff will be available to answer your questions.

Sincerely,
Carol Timpson
Principal