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Dear Parents,

Anderson School District Two schools are dedicated to ensuring our students succeed. While we have always held high expectations for our students, the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) has set additional new standards for students. The Federal Government is discussing a reward system for states setting higher standards as opposed to punishing states under current regulation. South Carolina is one of three states that have the highest standards. As a result, it makes it more difficult for our schools to be recognized for total achievement. As a part of the SC Report Card system, Anderson Two has maintained an average of “Good” over the past seven years. Anderson Two has also scored in the top 10% of South Carolina in PACT Testing.

Anderson School District Two did not meet AYP in mathematics for two consecutive years. Anderson Two is committed to ensuring that all students receive the assistance needed to meet these standards. The District offers After School programs and has begun a Merit Academy or Team Nine Reach program in each school which provides intense individualized instruction. Since the mathematics standardized tests relate to reading skills as well as mathematics aptitude each school has a Reading Teacher designated to assist students reading below grade level. The district will also provide professional development to teachers that will address learning styles and mathematic instruction. As a result of not meeting AYP for 2 consecutive years, the district will develop a plan that will improve the area that contributed to the district not meeting AYP. If you would like to offer input into the development of this plan, please contact the Anderson Two District Office in early January 2008.

Anderson Two is working very hard to ensure your child reaches his or her highest potential and research shows that grades and standardized test scores are higher when parents are involved in their child’s education. As a result, we encourage you to be an active part of your child’s education. You can do this by not only helping with homework but providing a quiet place for your child to complete homework. You can help your child during standardized testing by ensuring they get a good nights rest and have breakfast in the morning before they leave for school or have breakfast at school.

Schools are looking for parents to become actively involved in their child’s education. Take the opportunity to serve on the School Improvement Council and join the PTO. When the school offers, Family Nights, Teacher Conferences or Title I meetings, make a point to attend. Stay involved throughout the year with your child’s school whether it be through volunteering or keeping the lines of communications open. We look forward to working with you to ensure your child’s success.

Cordially,

Thomas T. Chapman
Anderson School District Two Superintendent