

# THORNTON FRACTIONAL TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOLS

District 215

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Superintendent

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Dear District 215 Parent/Guardian:

As a result of the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), your child may have the option to transfer to another school within the district. This has become an option as your child's school has not made adequate yearly progress on the State tests for at least two years.

Your child's school is in restructuring which means the school has failed to make adequate yearly progress for 5 years and in addition to offering public school choice and supplemental educational services, another action is necessary. Options include:

- Reopening as a charter school;
- Replacing all or most of the staff;
- Entering into a contract with an entity;
- Being taken over by the State; or
- Implementing any other major restructuring of the school's governance.

Our District's 2009 report card and the most recent AYP status report for your child's school shows how it compares to other schools in our district and state. This information can be obtained on our website at [www.tfd215.org](http://www.tfd215.org) or at the District office. Your child's school has been identified because the subgroup of economically disadvantaged students in the areas of Reading and Math and the racial subgroup of black students in the area of Mathematics. The school is working to improve its academic program by offering support classes in Reading and Math for all 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students.

The District and the State Board of Education are working with your child's school to help improve the academic standards of the school. This is being accomplished by providing technical assistance to the teachers and administrators within your child's school.

However, this may not be enough and we want to request your help as the school addresses its academic problems. The school would like to invite parents to serve on the Parent Advisory Board that will work in the development of the school improvement plan.

As a parent you have the option to transfer your child to another public school within the district with transportation provided by the District. Currently, no viable, school choice is available for your school. However, we will be offering Supplemental Educational Services (SES) to qualified students. Please call TF North at (708) 585-7074 if you have any questions about these services. You may also join us to talk about your options on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month in the T.F. North Learning Resource Center to help you decide what is best for your child.

Thank you,



Creg E. Williams, Ed.D.

Enclosure: AYP Status Report

*"To provide diverse learning opportunities that inspire all students to become life-long learners who contribute to their community".*