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Dear Parents:

Under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) is required to identify all schools in need of improvement if the school has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two or more consecutive years.

The ADE has notified our administration that Crossett High School will be subject to State Directed Status for failure to make AYP during the time period the school has implemented a Restructuring plan. During the 2010-2011 school year our Combined Population and Sub Populations failed to achieve the expected percentage of students scoring proficient/advanced in literacy and math. Following is information showing the expected AYP Target for the 2010-2011 and the schools performance for the combined population and each subpopulation in the building.

State AYP Target: Literacy 75.81% Proficient or Advanced
Math 73.45% Proficient or Advanced

Literacy

Combined	67.2%
African American	53.8%
Caucasian	74.0%
Economically Disadvantaged	56.3%

Math

Combined	55.1%
African American	40.6%
Caucasian	65.4%
Economically Disadvantaged	46.4%

If you would like more information regarding your child's school and how it compares to all schools in the state, please contact Ed Johnson, Principal - CHS at 870-364-3112 or visit the Arkansas Department of Education's website at <http://www.arkansased.org/>.

As a result of the school continuing to be identified for restructuring, the District will continue to implement the alternative governance plan. The District has restructured the school's governance by contracting with Arkansas Leadership Academy to build leadership capacity. In addition, the school is offering extended learning opportunities, common assessments with focused data-driven instruction, and targeted professional development. The school will also implement the concepts of a professional learning community.

You are very important to your child's education. We invite you to become more involved in your child's school and partner with the school in helping address the academic issues that caused it to be identified for improvement. Based on the AYP status of this school, your child is eligible to transfer to another public school in the district, that is not in need of improvement, and the district will provide transportation to that school. However, there are no other high schools within the district.

Sincerely,

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