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Dear Parents or Guardian:

The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requires that all schools in the nation make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) toward achieving the goal of all students being proficient in reading and math. As you may be aware, Odyssey Academy has been designated as a district in need of improvement due to not making AYP for three years.

Not making AYP for a school is determined by aggregating the results of academic achievement measures in reading/language arts and mathematics, student participation rates in these assessments, graduation rates, and for elementary and middle schools, the attendance rates.

The following table provides the MCAII, attendance and graduation results for all groups of students:

Student Group	Math Yes or No	Reading Yes or No	Attendance Yes or No	Graduation Rate Yes or No
All students	No	No	Yes	Yes
American Indian	NA	NA	NA	NA
Asian	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Black	No	No	Yes	Yes
ELL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Free/Reduced Lunch	No	No	Yes	Yes
Hispanic	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Special Education	No	No	Yes	Yes
White	No	No	Yes	Yes

A district improvement team will be analyzing all available assessment information to pinpoint strengths and challenges that will be addressed through professional development and a review of the curriculum. Our teachers will take part in staff development activities that specifically address teaching math and reading. They will also take part in Professional Learning Communities so they may learn from each other how to effectively teach struggling students.

We encourage you to be involved in improving the quality of education at our school district by participating on the district improvement team, talking with your child's teacher about how you can support your child's education or contacting the school district for more information.

To review how our neighboring districts and other schools around the state are performing please refer to the Minnesota Department of Education's website, School Report Cards, <http://education.state.mn.us/ReportCard2005/index.do>. If you have any questions about accessing this information, please contact Kari Mitchell t 763-549-2386.

You have the right to transfer your child to another school, but Odyssey Academy is a charter school and we have no "choice" option at our site. For more information about school choice please contact Kari Mitchell at 763-549-2386.

Sincerely,