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HINSDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1

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Dear Parents:

Enclosed you will find the School Accountability Report (SAR) issued by the state. Additional copies of the SAR are available in the school office or on the school website www.lakecityschool.org.

The SAR performance rating is based on CSAP scores (and ACT scores for high school ratings). The SAR also includes a growth rating, Academic Growth of Students, calculated using student percentile scores matched over two years. Our school received "no rating" for academic growth due to our small student population. The back cover of the SAR at each level (elementary, middle and high school) includes district-wide data. For example, there were two reported safety/discipline incidents district-wide although they are listed on each SAR. In addition, the 2007-2008 student dropout at both MS and HS is 0%.

Both our middle school and our high school were again named **John Irwin Schools of Excellence** for the 2007-2008 school year based on their "excellent" SAR performance rating! The elementary school's rating is "high" for the second year – congratulations, teachers and students for again reaching this step on the way to excellence.

In addition to a strong academic program, we are proud of continuing strengths of our district including a growing soccer program, Enrichment Mondays, chapters of National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society, the MS/HS Adventure program and a second DC trip this past fall. And in the '08-'09 school year: Parent Online accounts to access your child's grades; 9 lots on Henson Street to be used for PE and soccer; expanded classroom space 630 Gunnison (Happy's House!); a multi-use recreation area (basketball, volleyball, tennis) on campus to be completed summer '09

Hinsdale County School District RE-1 is pleased to announce our 2007-2008 Annual Report to the Public is available on the district website at www.lakecityschool.org.

Each year, school districts in Colorado report about their performance to their communities, based on requirements in Colorado Accreditation Rules and the *No Child Left Behind Act*. The report includes goals, objectives and plans for improvement. Specifically, in the report, you will find district improvement goals and the progress we've made towards those goals, as well as the following information:

Assessment Data

1. Colorado Growth Model. The Colorado Growth Model provides a common understanding of how individual students and groups of students progress from year to year toward state standards based on where each individual student begins.
2. Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) results by grade level for each school and for the

district. Results are disaggregated by race/ethnicity, English language learners, economically disadvantaged students and students with disabilities.

3. School and district CSAP performance for the last two years, compared with the state of Colorado as a whole.
4. CSAPA results (for students given the alternate assessment), if applicable.

Accountability Data

1. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results. Adequate Yearly Progress is the federal accountability measure for schools and districts under the No Child Left Behind legislation. The report includes the overall AYP determination for schools and districts as well as their specific AYP results.
2. The names and number of schools in your district that are identified as Schools on Improvement under No Child Left Behind.

Teacher Quality Data

1. The percent of classes taught by Highly Qualified Teachers, and disaggregated by high and low poverty schools
2. Information about teachers including the professional qualifications of teachers, and the percent of teachers with emergency licenses.

Post-Secondary Readiness Data

1. Post-secondary readiness indicators including (as applicable): the number and percent of students taking advanced placement courses, students enrolled in institutions under the Post Secondary Enrollment Options Act.
2. Graduation rates and drop out rates.
3. Results of the college entrance exam (ACT) for the district as a whole, and compared to the state average.

Other Data

1. District budget, revenues and expenditures
2. Attendance rates
3. Evidence of a safe, civil learning environment, and
4. Number of expelled and suspended students;

The Annual Report to the Public is posted on the district website, www.lakecityschool.org. If you would like a hard copy of the report, please call 944-2314 to request one.

I know that all this is truly confusing! Please don't hesitate to come by if you have questions or want to talk about any of the information included in this mailing. You may also call, 944-2314, or email, kct@lakecityschool.org.

Yours truly,

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Superintendent