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Parental Notification Letter Regarding Alternative Supports and Public School Choice for the 2016–17 School Year

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students in Denair Unified School District:

This letter is to inform you that your child may be eligible to receive alternative supports during the 2016–17 school year.

Background

President Barack Obama signed into law the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) on December 10, 2015. ESSA replaces the previous Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001.

Under the ESSA, California is required to implement the same interventions in the 2016–17 school year for schools that were previously identified for program improvement (PI) in the 2015–16 school year; with the exception of the provision of Supplemental Educational Services (SES) and Choice.

Transition Plan for the 2016–17 School Year

As allowed by the ESSA, California is developing a new accountability system for the 2017–18 school year. The 2016–17 school year is considered a “transition” year, designed to effect an orderly transition to the new law and accountability system. California has developed a transition plan that describes various alternative supports and services that are to be provided to eligible students.

Alternative Supports

During the 2016–17 school year, under the ESSA, California has elected to eliminate the requirement for LEAs to provide SES. Instead, LEAs with schools identified for PI Year 2 and beyond will be required to provide eligible students with alternative supports. Alternative supports are supplemental activities designed to increase the academic achievement of students.

Socioeconomically disadvantaged students attending a Title I school that is in PI Year 2 and beyond are eligible to receive alternative supports for the 2016–17 school year.

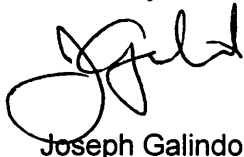
Denair Elementary Charter Academy qualifies to receive alternative supports funding for the 2016–17 school year. We have contracted with Huntington Learning Center to offer free tutoring services for identified qualified students for the current 2016–17 school year.

- Please note that if there are insufficient funds to serve all eligible students, priority will be given to the lowest-achieving, previously identified PI school(s) or the lowest-achieving student(s) attending a previously-identified PI school.

Contact Information

If you are interested in learning more about the alternative supports program please direct your questions/concerns to the Denair Elementary Charter Academy at 209-632-8887 Ext. 2250.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Galindo', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

Joseph Galindo

Interim Senior Director of Curriculum & Instruction / Student Support Services