

Dear Parents,

This letter is to let you know that South Carolina Connections Academy (SCCA) met its AYP goals in 19 of our 21 indicators for 2010! We appreciate all of your dedication and hard work as you helped us achieve this goal. Our goal is to meet all 21 of the indicators for 2011 so that we will no longer be in school improvement status. Please be advised we will continue to be a pioneering virtual school throughout the state of South Carolina. Some of the programs we implement to assist our students include:

- *LiveLesson® sessions
- *Study Skills for Success
- *SkillsTutor
- *PACE (remediation program for grades 3–8)
- *High quality staff development
- *Highly qualified South Carolina certified teachers
- *Student support team
- *Sstair (multi-tiered instructional model)

Many schools and school districts in South Carolina were given similar school improvement designations, including the large, statewide e-schools. You have the right under No Child Left Behind (NCLB), Title I, Part A to attend another school of your choice. That could include a return to your local school district, any other designated school in your local area that you choose, or another school in the South Carolina Public Charter School District (SCPCSD).

The SCPCSD and SCCA are committed to providing a quality education for every child attending our schools. We strive to ensure that parents, Learning Coaches, students, and other stakeholders have access to all available resources that support and strengthen the academic achievement of our students.

In 2010, SCCA will continue to focus its efforts in the area of mathematics instruction. Teachers will be using LiveLesson sessions to deliver instruction on specific skills related to the benchmarks that students need to be able to do. In addition, SCCA will be offering Skills for Success to students to enhance their understanding of the South Carolina state standards. Finally, USA Test Prep will be used to assist students as they prepare for the HSAP and EOC.

We will also focus our instruction on completing test taking strategy lessons to better assist our students on PASS Testing. We have completed curriculum alignment in reading and math. We are also filling in any gaps in our curriculum that we are seeing in mathematics and language arts.

You may visit the South Carolina State Department of Education website for further information regarding NCLB and school ratings. The website is <http://dev.ed.sc.gov/topics/assessment/scores/ayp/2010/default.cfm>.

Sincerely,

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