



# Miami-Dade County Public Schools

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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

Your son/daughter, for having limited proficiency in English, has been participating in the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program. Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) receives Title III funding from the federal government to help students who have limited English proficiency acquire English competence, develop high levels of academic attainment in English, and meet the same challenging academic achievement standards as all children in Florida are expected to meet.

The federal No Child Left Behind Act requires that school districts that receive Title III funds are monitored to see if they meet the following three *Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives* (AMAO) for their English language learners. In Florida, the **Comprehensive English Language Learning Assessment** (CELLA) is used for English language proficiency assessment and the **Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test** (FCAT) is used for academic performance.

- AMAO 1 → Progress in English language acquisition based on CELLA
- AMAO 2 → Progress in the percentage of students who become proficient in English based on CELLA
- AMAO 3 → Performance on the attainment of academic standards based on FCAT

This letter is to inform you that M-DCPS has not met one of the above criteria during the last two school years. The table below indicates which criteria were met and what percentage of school districts in the State of Florida met each criterion.

AMAOs	2006-07		2007-08	
	Dade	Percent of Florida districts that met criteria	Dade	Percent of Florida districts that met criteria
AMAO 1	Y	48%	Y	59%
AMAO 2	Y	37%	Y	42%
AMAO 3	N	0%	N	0%
<b>Met All Title III AMAOs</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>0%</b>

For additional information on the AMAOs you may visit the Florida Department of Education web site at <http://www.fldoe.org/aala/amao.asp>. To learn more about your child's progress in English language acquisition or how you can become more involved at their school, you may contact your school's principal or Dr. Joanne H. Urrutia, Administrative Director, Division of Bilingual Education and World Languages, at 305-995-1945.

Sincerely,

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