



TIME TO LEARN

“If Adequate Yearly Progress reports are not available before the start of the school year, teachers and students suffer.”

■ Tina Bruno, Executive Director, Time to Learn

# Parents Need Key To Unlock Door To Educational Excellence

## Timely Release of Adequate Yearly Progress Reports Critical

The federal No Child Left Behind Act requires that schools provide parents and the community with a comprehensive report – no later than the first day of the school year – about student performance on standardized reading and math tests taken during the previous school year.

These Adequate Yearly Progress reports should be made available before the school year begins to give parents and teachers more power to improve the quality of education in our schools.

How can parents use this information to give children the best chance to succeed?

### STUDY THE REPORT

Review the Reading and Mathematics Performance section, which shows passing rates for the school, for each grade and for specific ethnic and racial groups. The numbers-heavy report can be simplified by focusing on the section indicating yearly improvement or decline in passing rates.

Identify your ethnic or racial group. Are Hispanics doing better than the year before in reading? Did a higher or lower percentage of White or African-American students pass the math test? How did your group do in comparison to the total campus population?

Is your school achieving "Adequate Yearly Progress?" If not, the No Child Left Behind Act mandates that schools must provide extra assistance for students or, in some cases, must provide transportation for your child to a school that is meeting the "Adequate Yearly Progress" standard.

### COMMUNICATE WITH THE EDUCATORS

If you are unhappy with the student performance of your racial or ethnic group or the campus as a whole, make an appointment to see the school principal. Ask how administrators and teachers plan to increase test scores and what you can do to help your child improve.

Ask whether your child qualifies for supplemental services, such as free tutoring.

Take time to meet and talk with your child's teacher before the school year begins. Remember, parental involvement is the key to academic success!

Keep the teacher informed about your child's study habits and progress at home. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Our teachers are our students' greatest advocates.

**PARENTS + TEACHERS + SCHOOL  
ADMINISTRATORS + TEAMWORK =  
ACADEMIC SUCCESS FOR OUR CHILDREN!**

For more information log onto [www.schoolyear.info](http://www.schoolyear.info)

*A public service announcement offered by Time to Learn, a non-profit, grassroots coalition dedicated to academic excellence through the use of traditional school calendars.*