

August 2009

## **A Message from the Superintendent to Wagoner Elementary School Parents/Guardians**

### **Re: SCHOOL CHOICE**

Dear Wagoner Parent/Guardian:

Our district's 2008-2009 report card and the most recent AYP status report for your school show how your child's school compares to other schools in our district and state. You can obtain a copy of these reports on our Web site, at your child's school, or at the school district office.

District Web site: [www.d168.org](http://www.d168.org)

Your child's school, Wagoner Elementary, which is a kindergarten to second grade school, has been identified because the school has not made Adequate Yearly Progress on State tests. Your child's school remains in school improvement, which means the school has failed to make adequate yearly progress for at least 3 years and is required to offer public school choice and supplemental educational services (must meet low-income guidelines). The school is working to improve its academic program by working within the school to improve its academic status by assessing the curriculum, providing individualized instruction to students as needed, evaluating and purchasing educational software, providing professional development for our staff and administration, and developing a school improvement plan with the assistance of our Intermediate Service Center. The District and State Board of Education are working with your child's school to help improve the academic standards of the school. This is being accomplished by providing technical assistance to the teachers and administrators within your child's school.

However, this may not be enough and we want to request your help as the school addresses its academic problems. We would also like to involve parents in addressing the academic issues that caused the school to be identified for school improvement.

The *No Child Left Behind Act* provides you, as a parent, the option to transfer your child to another public school within the district with transportation provided by the District. However, at this time we do not have a school to which your child can transfer. We have contacted neighboring districts to request that they provide us with a school(s) we can offer you as an option. No school district has agreed to do so this school year.

If you have any questions please call Dr. Williams or Mr. Scott Strong or Mr. Al Travaglini (special education) at (708) 758-1610, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Dr. Rudolph Williams  
Superintendent of Schools