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Notice of Adequate Yearly Progress, Right of Choice

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Community Academy of Philadelphia did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) based on **2008-2009** Pennsylvania System of State Assessment (PSSA) results. We are in Corrective Action II, third year. Results indicate the following groups of students did **not** meet the state's academic achievement targets:

- All students, Math Thresholds 79.8% *an improvement of 4.7% from 2008*
- All students, Reading Thresholds 66.4% *an improvement of 5.4% from 2008*

Overall in the local School District of Philadelphia, 51% of students did **not** meet AYP in Math and 55.2% did **not** meet AYP in Reading. 28% percent of schools state-wide did **not** meet AYP in **2007-2008**.*

As a result of an in-depth needs assessment, Community Academy of Philadelphia has identified the following areas as key strategies for instructional improvement:

- Focus on Standards Aligned Curriculum for all subjects and grade levels
- Provide targeted professional development and support for our teachers
- Emphasize technology as a 21st Century learning tool
- Continue to strengthen our teacher mentoring program

As outlined in our school improvement plan, the Pennsylvania Department of Education will be offering Community Academy of Philadelphia assistance to implement these strategies by providing resources via the state website and trained personnel at the local and state levels. A school team will also attend the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Governor's Institute workshops this coming fall. Community Academy of Philadelphia must meet AYP for two consecutive years to exit the School Improvement cycle.

As a charter school, Community Academy is a school of choice; as a parent or guardian you have the right to transfer your child at any time.

Parent support is essential to the success of Community Academy of Philadelphia. Communicating with your child's teachers, making sure your child attends school regularly, helping your child with homework, monitoring your child's television time all contribute to a positive school/home partnership in the education of your child.

*At the mandated time of the mailing of this letter, 2008-09 State and School District official AYP results had not yet been released.

We hope to see you at our Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; a review of parent rights under Title I is planned for the general assembly.

Once again we encourage you to be an active part of your child's education. Please read the additional letter included in this mailing regarding Supplemental Educational Services (SES) which may provide your child with free tutoring; if you have any questions regarding our SES Program please contact Kim Jetter-Henson, Assistant CAO.

Consistent with our dedication to the value of education, we believe there is always room for improvement. With your help we can make the school the best it can be. Thank you in advance for working with us to achieve success for your child.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth McCluskey, MS
Chief Academic Officer

Enclosures: Supplemental Educational Services Notification
SES Provider Form
SES Approved Providers List