



Choosing Excellence Every Day

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RE: 2010-2011 School Public Accountability Report: Swift Creek Middle School

Dear Parents and Community Members,

As stated in our belief statement, "The Swift Creek Community promotes excellence by encouraging goal setting, development of talents, risk-taking and growth in every endeavor. The curriculum allows for the exploration of new and challenging opportunities where individuality, as well as group dynamics, is accepted. Swift Creek citizens are responsible, respectful of self and others, and instilled with a desire to learn over a lifetime." At Swift Creek, we make it a goal to work cooperatively with our staff, parents and community members to set high expectations.

Once again, thank you for all of your hard work and effort in making Swift Creek the best middle school in the state of Florida. As we move into the 2011-2012 school year, old faces will have moved on and new faces will be joining our exceptional staff. I encourage you to participate through our School Advisory Council (SAC) or Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) or by volunteering, mentoring or supporting our athletic and enrichment programs. You continue to make a difference.

It is with great pride that I am able to announce that Swift Creek Middle School is an "A" ranked school for the 13th consecutive year. Swift Creek is the *only* middle school in Leon County, and one of the few in the state, that has been an "A" school since the inception of school grading. I would like to congratulate our students, teachers, staff, parents and community for all of their hard work. We will continue to meet that goal and look to achieve higher goals this upcoming year. As a school, we just missed meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP – 97% of criteria met), as defined under *No Child Left Behind* legislation, but we are committed to making continued improvements and adjustments to help our school reach this goal for this upcoming school year. The faculty, SAC and PTSO have met over the summer to discuss objectives and strategies to continue to be the best middle school in the state of Florida.

Our School Public Accountability Report (SPAR) is included with this letter. The purpose of this report is to allow our community to review items about our past school year's progress. The report contains a wealth of information on school demographics, enrollment, testing data, school staff, and cost analysis. The 2010-2011 School Public Accountability Report (SPAR) for Swift Creek is available for viewing in the school office, the school website at www.swiftcreek.leon.k12.fl.us or the Florida Department of Education's SPAR website at www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs. If you contact the school, we will send you a copy of the report at your request. We encourage your participation and input with regard to our continuing school improvement efforts.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Burgess
Principal

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