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Dear Parent or Guardian,

This letter is to inform you about Holyoke's English language learners' (ELLs) progress toward achieving English proficiency and where you can learn more about the English Language Education program at your child's school.

The No Child Left Behind Act requires each state to annually set goals for ELLs in public schools to measure student progress toward learning English. These goals are called the Adequate Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAO).

The Spring 2010 AMAO results for Holyoke were:

1. **Progress** toward English proficiency,
 - 43% of Holyoke ELLs made progress compared to the state target of 60%.
2. **Attainment** of English proficiency,
 - 18% of all students attained proficiency compared to the 39% district target.
3. **Adequate yearly progress** (AYP) on the **English Language Arts** and **mathematics** portions of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS).
 - Holyoke ELLs met the MCAS participation targets; they did not meet performance, improvement, or annual attendance targets in English or mathematics.

The Holyoke Public Schools is dedicated to providing the best education for our English language learners in all grades and levels of proficiency. We regularly assess programs and make adjustments when and where necessary.

We invite you to join us to meet with English Language Education staff to learn more about the program at your child's school during Parent Teacher Conferences on April 14 and 15. The K-8 and high schools will provide details soon.

Please contact the English Language Education Office at 534-2000, ext 216 or 268 or visit our website at <http://www.hps.holyoke.ma.us/ell.htm> to receive more information about opportunities for English language learners in the Holyoke Public Schools.

Thank you,

David L. Dupont
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