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Date: October 2, 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

This year our school will receive special federal funding, which will be used in addition to our regular State and local funding, to improve the educational program for all students in our school. This federal funding will allow us to implement the Title I Schoolwide Program.

The Title I Schoolwide Program will allow us to provide supplemental instruction in the areas of Language Arts/Reading, Math, Science and/or Social Studies to our students based on instructional goals established in our School Improvement Plan (SIP). This plan has been jointly developed by our faculty and parents. In general, this federal funding could be used to provide an array of important services, such as additional supplemental instructional staff; additional instructional materials and/or equipment; the ability to support the regular classroom with computer-assisted instruction; special training to parents and/or staff; additional motivational/high interest activities and wrap-around services for our students, and discretionary educational services provided by the District.

We encourage you to take an active role in our school's planning and implementation of the Title I Schoolwide Program. You are invited to visit with us to observe program activities; and to become more involved in your child's academic success. We want you to know that opportunities for parent and family engagement and input are increased through your participation in the Title I District Advisory Council (DAC) and the Regional Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings; weekly workshops and activities being offered at the Title I Administration Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC), and our school site's parental meetings and workshops.

We look forward to our parents working together with our school staff in the annual evaluation and redesign of the content and effectiveness of our school's Title I School-Parent Compact and our school's Title I School-level Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP). Once completed, we will make these documents available in the school's Parent Resource Center/Area, the Main Office and via our school's website. Our plans will be updated regularly to ensure they reflect the specific needs of our students. Additionally, the Title I Administration Handbook may be accessed online at <http://ehandbooks.dadeschools.net/policies/135.pdf>.

Please know that my office administrators are your resources to receive updates on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), and to obtain parental "*Right-to-Know*" information regarding: the level of achievement of your child in each of the state academic assessments; the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teachers and/or paraprofessional, if your child has been assigned or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet State certification requirements; school performance data; the School District's Consultation and Complaint Procedures, Title I District-level PFEP, Title I School-level PFEP, SIP, and School-Parent Compact.

If you have any questions regarding the instruction your child is receiving at our school or about the Title I Schoolwide Program, please contact me at 786-272-2269 or [lferreira@palmgladesacademy.com](mailto:lferreira@palmgladesacademy.com)

Sincerely,

Dr. Laura Ferreira-Vesga, Principal