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We are pleased to present the 2003 Academic Achievement Report for the Ferguson Township Elementary School. As required by the federal No Child Left Behind legislation, this report is designed to communicate our performance on key indicators: achievement in reading and mathematics, attendance, and the performance of subgroups.

The report is based on 2003 Adequate Yearly Progress reports, as measured by the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment tests, recently released by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. By 2014, all students are expected to achieve at the proficient or advanced level. Our report card contains good news for our community about the overall performance of our students and our schools. As before, we will use standardized test results such as these in our continuous effort to improve the academic success of our students.

Additional copies of this report are available upon request. For more information or for comparative data, please visit <http://www.pde.state.pa.us/pas> or <http://www.ses.standardandpoors.com/>.

Parental Involvement

We welcome and encourage parental involvement in Ferguson Township Elementary School. Parents and students participate in parent/teacher-student led goal setting conferences every fall and spring. During the fall conferences, individual goals are selected for each student, which reflect the child's particular strengths and needs. During the spring conferences, parents, teachers and the student reconvene to assess the student's growth towards each goal and to celebrate the successes achieved by each student. Our elementary progress report was developed based on the Pennsylvania Academic Standards. Each family receives three progress reports a year, outlining in detail the areas in which students have met the standards and areas in which they need to continue to work.

Our school staff and parents work together to promote student achievement through newsletters, web pages, parent volunteers in classrooms, parent information sessions, Back to School Nights. In addition, our school partners with the school PTA or PTO through field trips, funding for instructional materials, author/illustrator visits, book fairs, concerts, science/literature, art/music fairs, and family activities that promote school spirit and community and various service projects.

Percentage of Students Tested in 2002/03		
Grade	Math	Reading
5	100%	100%

	School	District	State
2001/02 Student Attendance Rate:	97.0%	95.6%	93.0%

TWO-YEAR ACHIEVEMENT DATA (%)

		GRADE	SUBJECT	Advanced	Proficient	Advanced + Proficient	Basic	Below Basic
2002/03	Grade 5	Math		33.9	33.9	67.8	19.4	12.9
		Reading		38.7	35.5	74.2	19.4	6.5

		GRADE	SUBJECT	Advanced	Proficient	Advanced + Proficient	Basic	Below Basic
2001/02	Grade 5	Math		51.9	25.9	77.8	14.8	7.4
		Reading		40.7	38.9	79.6	13	7.4

2003 PSSA COMPARISON (%)

Grade 5 - Mathematics

Grade 5 - Reading

Performance Level	School	District	State
Advanced	33.9	42.3	27.7
Proficient	33.9	31.1	28.6
Basic	19.4	16.9	21.3
Below Basic	12.9	9.8	22.4

Performance Level	School	District	State
Advanced	38.7	39.8	27.1
Proficient	35.5	35.9	30.9
Basic	19.4	13.9	20.4
Below Basic	6.5	10.5	21.5

**Minimum Adequate Yearly Progress Required
for school year 2002-03 in MATHEMATICS:
35% Proficient and Advanced**

GRADE 5	Number of Students Assessed	Advanced	Proficient	Advanced + Proficient	Basic	Below Basic
All Students	62 ¹	33.9	33.9	67.8	19.4	12.9
Males	37	35.1	32.4	67.5	18.9	13.5
Females	25	32.0	36.0	68.0	20.0	12.0
Race/Ethnicity						
White	58	34.5	32.8	67.3	19.0	13.8
Black	N/A ²	-	-	-	-	-
Latino/Hispanic	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Asian	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Native American	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Multi-Ethnic	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
IEP ³	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Limited English Prof.	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Migrant	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Economic Disadvantaged	N/A	-	-	-	-	-

**Minimum Adequate Yearly Progress Required
for school year 2002-03 in READING:
45% Proficient and Advanced**

GRADE 5	Number of Students Assessed	Advanced	Proficient	Advanced + Proficient	Basic	Below Basic
All Students	62	38.7	35.5	74.2	19.4	6.5
Males	37	40.5	32.4	72.9	21.6	5.4
Females	25	36.0	40.0	76.0	16.0	8.0
Race/Ethnicity						
White	58	36.2	36.2	72.4	20.7	6.9
Black	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Latino/Hispanic	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Asian	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Native American	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Multi-Ethnic	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
IEP	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Limited English Prof.	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Migrant	N/A	-	-	-	-	-
Economic Disadvantaged	N/A	-	-	-	-	-

1 - Numerical differences in the totals in column one reflect variations in reporting requirements.

2 - N/A: When the number of students in a subgroup is below 10, these disaggregated data are not reported.

3 - IEP: Special needs students with Individual Education Plans