May 27, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The 2014 School Report Card contains information about our school district, our 2013/2014 fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students, and a message from the Education Oversight Board/Office of Accountability. This report measures our school performance at MIGC based on last year's Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests.

The information in this report is for the 2013/2014 school year and the test results are of those students who just completed the fifth, sixth, and seventh grades. This report is always received a year after the tests are administered to allow for the collection and analysis of the data.

Last year's sixth grade classes met the benchmark targets. The fourth grade met the benchmark in reading, but not in math. The fifth grade met the benchmark in social studies, but not in the other tested areas. The fifth grade students scored two percentage points below the benchmark in math and three percentage points below the benchmark in reading. While they were twelve percentage points below the benchmark in science, this was only two percentage points below the state average in science. There was much controversy concerning the validity of the writing scores for 5th graders this year and as a result those scores were not included on the A-F Report Card.

We are working diligently to affect improvement in all areas, but are targeting our efforts to see that the students who did not meet the benchmark in reading make the required progress to show marked improvement in this area. Research indicates that improving reading comprehension for elementary age students will improve their abilities in other academic areas.

Students who were identified as not passing the reading test last year were assisted by our Title 1 Remedialist with individual remediation. We also provided after school tutoring and extra help in the classrooms from the classroom teachers and the Title 1 teacher assistants to make meaningful improvement for these targeted students.

It is our hope that these students did their best on the tests this year and that we will see the intended progress as a result of the intentional effort to improve.

We are very proud of our MIGC students and the progress they are making to show continual improvement. These scores reflect the areas where we are meeting our goals as well as the areas where we must work even harder to accomplish the results we desire.

With the cooperative efforts of parents, students, and teachers we look forward to each new school year and the opportunity to improve our educational efforts in all subject areas. This can be accomplished with high expectations in the classrooms every day, consistent attendance, and completed homework assignments. Please help keep "first things first" as we prepare our students for success in the 21st century and for the global economy that they will enter upon completion of their educational experience.

We appreciate your continued support in working together to meet MIGC, district, state, and national goals with all of the students at Mission Intermediate Grade Center.

Sincerely,

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