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Orem High Makes Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

BACKGROUND: Each year Orem High students take end of year exams called “CRTs”. These are tests that evaluate the learning of students across Utah in the key areas of Language Arts, Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. The results of those tests are reported as a rubric score of 1-4, with 4 being the highest and 3 being “passing”. Scores of 2 indicate a near proficient score and 1 shows lack of proficiency. CRT scores are used to determine whether the school meets the objectives of the No Child Left Behind federal legislation. These scores also are used to determine if a school meets the Utah mandates of “U-PASS”. School’s can use the individual student scores to track the students who are not learning as well as they should, which gives the school the opportunity to work on specific student needs.

GOOD NEWS: Orem High has made AYP and passed the U-PASS evaluation for the school year 2008-09. In fact, our Language Arts scores are the highest in the district (by a very small percentage, but it’s the first time in years that we have achieved that level). Our Science scores are second, only behind East Shore High School. Unfortunately, our Math scores are not as high as we want them to be. A new math core curriculum gave us a new math CRT exam this past year. Orem High, as well as every other school, scored lower than the year before. While our scores were sufficient to allow us to pass the performance objectives of AYP and U-PASS, our math department is working diligently to assure these scores improve this year.

OUR COMMITMENT: Our teachers are continuing to collaborate on a weekly basis with those that teach the same or similar subjects. This time together has made teaching a collegial task, not a lone art. Our teachers are studying the “art and science” of teaching and improving their practice as they work together. We appreciate the district’s commitment to collaboration and the time we are given to work on improving.

OUR GOAL: One important goal for Orem High this year is to improve our graduation rates. We feel that if we work with students to achieve each quarter and stay on track to graduate that the end-of-year exams will take care of themselves. Teachers will be working with struggling students to encourage them to pass current classes and make plans to remediate any lost credit. We believe that these extra efforts of our staff will pay huge dividends for our students. We invite parents to visit with their student’s counselor or administrator to review the efforts we are making for YOUR student.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE: Orem High continues to be an excellent school. Student Success is our business and we have a plan to help all of our students achieve success. Parents play a big part in helping us achieve the success of the students.

CONGRATULATIONS to all students and teachers for these great results on last year’s exam.

