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Dear Parents:

Our schools are committed to providing a high-quality educational program for your child. We are working hard to provide programs to help all students succeed in our school district. Your child attends Dundee Elementary, which receives federal Title I funds to provide additional opportunities for your child to meet state achievement standards in reading, writing, and mathematics. Last year, your child's school did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for meeting the state proficiency standards in reading, writing, and mathematics and was identified by the state as a *School in Need of Improvement/Corrective Action*. Unfortunately, your child's school did not make AYP for the 2006-2007 school year for the fifth year in a row. For this reason, the state has identified your child's school as a *School in Need of Improvement/Restructuring*.

The law requires that schools identified for restructuring must prepare a plan to restructure major components of the school's educational program.

Compared to other elementary schools in the district, Dundee Elementary has less students doing well in reading. If you would like more information regarding your child's school and how it compares to all schools in the district, please contact Constance Jones at 863-421-3316 or visit the Florida Department of Education's website at <http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org/>.

The school district is committed to providing exciting new programs to your child's school that will make the 2007-2008 school year more successful. Some of these programs include the following: Learning-Focused Strategies, Kaplan Assessments, Extended Learning Program, and Acceleration Summer Program.

You are also very important to your child's education. We invite you to become more involved in your child's school such as: becoming a School Volunteer, visiting your child's classroom, and scheduling regular parent conferences.

Based on the AYP status of your child's school, your child is eligible to transfer to another public school in the district that is not in need of improvement, and the district will provide transportation to that school. If you choose for your child to remain at Dundee Elementary, he or she may be eligible to receive free tutoring or supplemental educational services after school. You may wish to transfer your child to Garden Grove Elementary, which has not been identified as a school in need of improvement.

If you would like for your child to transfer to Garden Grove Elementary, please complete the attached application and return to P.O. Box 391, Bartow, FL 33831 or fax to 863-534-7496 by August 2, 2007.

If you have questions or need assistance with this application, please contact Ava Brown at 534-9241, or Cindy Stybel at 534-9242. Thank you for your continued interest in your child's education.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Ashley
Director, Federal Program

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an equal opportunity
institution for education
and employment*

*The Mission of Polk County Public Schools is to ensure rigorous, relevant learning experiences
that result in high achievement for our students.*