

Denver Public Schools

Florida Pitt Waller School

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Rating: Accredited on Watch

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Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

I am writing to inform you that Florida Pitt Waller achieved a rating of **Accredited on Watch** on the 2009 School Performance Framework (SPF) which means that our school performed below district expectations last year and improvement is needed. While our school will be accredited this year by the Colorado Department of Education, we will receive increased supports from the district, such as close supervision, targeted professional development and assistance using data to drive student progress and achievement at our school.

At Florida Pitt Waller we are proud to have very hardworking and dedicated students, teachers, support staff and parents. The SPF rating serves as a reminder that we must accelerate our progress to ensure that all of our students are successful. Areas where we will continue to work and strive for improvement include:

- Additional reading and math support for students identified as unsatisfactory and/or partial proficient
- Implementation of a district-wide Response to Intervention (skills block) for all students
- Continuous progress-monitoring of students
- Staff professional development

If you would like a copy of our SPF scorecard go to <http://www.dpsk12.org/SPF> or pick one up in our front office.

About the SPF:

DPS launched the School Performance Framework (SPF) in September 2008. It is a mechanism the district uses to accredit schools as required by the Colorado Department of Education, but more importantly, it provides a comprehensive body of evidence about school performance. It is aligned with district goals, as well as state and federal mandates. It incorporates data provided by CSAP and AYP, but it does not replace those measures.

What makes the SPF so unique and powerful is that it reflects the work being done in our schools by showing us whether our students are learning over time and demonstrating improvement from one year to the next. It provides the most complete and comprehensive picture of school performance in DPS that we have ever seen.

I am proud of the hard work that all of our students and teachers do every day. I believe we will find the SPF to be a valuable guide in our efforts to improve and achieve.

Thank you for all you do in support of your child's academic achievement.

Sincerely,


Charles M. Babb
Principal