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Dear Parent:

Welcome to a new school year. This letter details our school's progress toward state achievement goals and reviews options available to some students.

Each year, all schools are required to reach goals in reading; math; and language arts (for K-8) or graduation rate (for high school), as well as goals for participation on the tests. The results of assessments are used to determine whether our school is making adequate yearly progress (AYP). Idaho Virtual Academy has been identified by the Idaho State Department of Education as a school in School Improvement Year 2. This means that students have not met state and federal goals in Math, Hispanic Reading, Hispanic Math, White Math, Economically Disadvantaged Math, Students with Disabilities Reading, and Students with Disabilities Math. A final report was made available on August 12 and provides information on how Idaho Virtual Academy compares with other schools in the state. This information will be available through our local report card, at your school, district office or from the Idaho State Department of Education at www.sde.idaho.gov/reportcard.

Because Idaho Virtual Academy is in school improvement status, your child is eligible to transfer to another public school. You may choose to transfer your child to one of the following schools:

<u>Choice School</u>	<i>% of students Proficient & Advanced in Math in 2008-09 (Target 83%)</i>	<i>% of Students Proficient & Advanced in Reading in 2008-09 (Target 85.6%)</i>	<i>[Third Indicator] 2008-2009</i>
Your local public school that has met AYP	See report for your local school at: http://www.sde.idaho.gov/ayp09/	See report for your local school at: http://www.sde.idaho.gov/ayp09/	See report for your local school at: http://www.sde.idaho.gov/ayp09/
Inspire Virtual Charter School	77.92%	89.61%	73.20%

If you choose to transfer your child, please be aware of the following:

- If applicable, the district will provide or pay for transportation to and from your child's Choice School as long as the Idaho Virtual Academy is a school identified for improvement. If the Idaho Virtual Academy meets achievement goals for two straight years, it will no longer be in school improvement status.
- Your child will be allowed to remain at the new school until he/she completes the highest grade.
- If funds are not available for all students to be transported, priority for transportation will be given to lowest-achieving, low-income students.
- If it is not possible to fulfill all requests for choice, priority for first choice will be given to lowest-achieving, low-income students.

Our school is working hard with the state and our curriculum provider to increase student achievement in math and reading by providing our teachers with intensive professional development in subject area matter, data analysis, implementing academic interventions, and effectively teaching in the virtual schooling model; implementing a new K-5 Mathematics curriculum and a new upper elementary Remedial Reading curriculum; establishing a Math Specialist Team to work exclusively with our students in need of mathematics help; administering benchmark assessments in order to determine group and individual academic need; offering Study Island; and much more. We know that IDVA parents are among the most involved parents in any educational setting! We encourage you to continue to help increase your student's achievement by utilizing the K¹² curriculum and IDVA program as intended, participating in our benchmark assessments (Scantron for 3rd -10th grade), taking advantage of intervention classes if your child is identified as needing additional help, and asking your teacher for assistance when needed.

If you would like for your child to transfer, you must complete the attached form. Return it no later than August 31, 2009 by fax, e-mail, US Postal Service, or in person to our Treasure Valley Learning Center (TVLC) office. Please contact your IDVA teacher if you have questions or need more information.



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If you decide not to transfer your child, he/she may be eligible to participate in a free after-school tutoring program called Supplemental Educational Services (SES). Eligible students are those from low-income families. If your child is eligible, you will receive more information by e-mail on September 1, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Edginton".

Kelly Edginton
Federal Programs & Compliancy Manager

NOTE: To date (Fall 2009), to our knowledge, no student has transferred to one of the "choice" schools due to IDVA's School Improvement Status.