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Dear Advantage Academy Parent:

We are looking forward to the 2010/2011 school year. Every year brings new challenges and exciting changes. The District and Campus changes for this upcoming year have been made in order to better serve your child's educational needs. **Please read the contents of this packet thoroughly; there are several new requirements of which you need to be aware.**

Our number one goal is to help your child succeed, by helping him understand how to think for himself, by developing students of high character and moral standards and by helping students to be motivated to lead a successful and productive life. We want all Advantage Academy students to learn that they have gifts and to work to understand and develop their gifts.

We believe that some of the unique approaches that we are introducing in the classroom and throughout the school-wide system are steps in the right direction. The progresses we have made this year have not been baby steps, but strides. In the fall we will be sharing our district successes through the State Accountability Standards as soon as the official results are received.

In addition, we are excited about our team of Campus Leaders this year and believe they will be able to help us to successfully meet every goal.

Some of our new commitments to you this year are to work towards the following:

- To expect **our teachers** to have and show a commitment to quality education in every classroom and with every child;
- To have open and timely communication to **our parents**; including successful implementation of parent partnership efforts and by sharing more of the goals and needs of the school and to build on past successes;
- To challenge **our students** to be engaged and active learners, through character development, leadership development through community involvement and brain-based research.

I believe that your child is enrolled at Advantage Academy because you believe in the school and our mission. Word of mouth from our parents and students is the BEST advertisement we can get. Thank you for helping us in all of our efforts.

Lastly, we cannot do this alone, so we ask that you make every effort to review and understand all information included in the packet. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your campus principal or the district office, at 214-276-5800.

Have a wonderful and blessed summer!

Angie McDonald
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