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Dear Stripling Family:

As I'm writing this letter, our teachers, instructional coaches and staff have their noses to the grindstone, setting up Balanced Literacy classrooms; finalizing class lists and schedules ; and reviewing our instructional calendars, to ensure they are fully prepared for the start of our 2009-10 school year. We have been working diligently to prepare for a highly productive and exciting 2009-10 school year. We have much to celebrate at Stripling Elementary School including the recent announcement that Stripling is a recipient of the *Georgia Public Policy's No Excuses School Award*. We were selected based on three consecutive years meeting state AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) goals; our high student performance and our high expectations for all students to achieve, regardless of students' socioeconomic background. This award is the result of the tireless efforts of all stakeholders, including our talented students, highly knowledgeable and dedicated staff, who are committed to meeting the needs of each and every one of our students.

More importantly, our parents are an integral part of our continued success at Stripling. Mr. Wilbanks always reminds principals that when parents send us their kids, we should be mindful that parents are entrusting us to teach their most precious 'pride and joy.' As your principal, I take this charge seriously and assure you that my mission and charge this year continues to be my focus on setting our instructional direction ;maintaining our focus on teaching and learning; and engaging the community to sustain viable relationships for the success of students at Stripling.

I encourage you stop by to visit, or sign up to volunteer in our school classrooms or media center. We're aiming to use our technology more readily this year, so Our Rocket Newsletter Local School Council Meetings, Title I Parent Nights and Parent Teacher Association dates will be posted on our website periodically in the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

Priscilla McHam

Principal

