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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is with great pride that I am writing this letter to you. On Wednesday of this week, we heard good information from the New Jersey Department of Education about Evergreen Avenue School's student performance on the 2009 state assessment, NJASK, for grades 3 through 5.

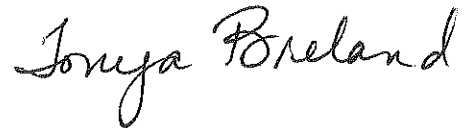
As you know, Evergreen is in "Year 3" as a school in need of improvement for not having met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in literacy.

Today, I am proud to announce that Evergreen met AYP in both literacy and math in the most recent Spring 2009 testing cycle!!! Here at the school, we have implemented a number of new efforts to help increase our students' success on the tests. We have purchased a new literacy series, employed academic coaches to work with our teachers in language arts literacy and mathematics, introduced individualized student goal setting, expanded the use of data to drive instruction, and supported the many individual efforts made by our teachers.

To see an increase in student achievement is great news. Together, we can make a difference to continue to help our students be all that they can be. I thank you for any academic support that you have been providing at home. I have also thanked our teachers for all that they do with the children each day.

Now that we have met the AYP expectations, it will take one more cycle of success to be removed from "Year 3" status. The next test cycle will be in the Spring of 2010. If you have any questions about NJASK or No Child Left Behind, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tonya Breland". The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Tonya Breland