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Dear parents and community members:

Federal testing or state assessments of every Kansas public school are intended to show how well schools educate all students, based on how many students pass state reading and math exams. Schools are graded not only on their average scores but on their performance with special education students, minority students, low-income students and those learning English as a second language (ESL). Attendance and high school dropout rates are also a factor. These are called AYP reports and are required under the No Child Left Behind law.

I am pleased to announce that Hugoton Schools have passed all tests and have met the standards for the 2009-10 school year except in one area. Our scores in 8<sup>th</sup> grade math did not reach the level needed. Much planning and re-tooling of our math system 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade has occurred this summer and continues this fall. If you want to see the scores for any school district, they are available at the following web site: [http://online.ksde.org/rcard/district.aspx?org\\_no=D0210](http://online.ksde.org/rcard/district.aspx?org_no=D0210) Our scores are posted on our web site for easy access.

The following individuals have been hired this summer to replace staff that left the district:

- Mrs. Sarah Kitzke – 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- Mrs. Traci Goode – 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- Ms. Melanie Errebo – 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Ms. Ashley Shaw – 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Ms. Sarah Splichal – 5<sup>th</sup> grade math
- Mrs. Bethany Haar – 6<sup>th</sup> grade math
- Mr. Dane Danielsen – 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade Band Instructor
- Ms. Lindsay Krehbiel – MS/HS Library/Media Specialist
- Mrs. Nicole Gold – 7<sup>th</sup> English
- Ms. Stephanie Fowler – HS Language Arts
- Ms. Lisha Tedford – HS Language Arts
- Mr. Jerrod Hunt – HS Math
- Ms. Anna Wold – HS Math

These are talented individuals. They bring enthusiasm and expertise to our teaching staff.

With school just around the corner...check out the Hugoton web site for all the latest information on schedules and new information.

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