



EDWARD B. COLE, SR. ACADEMY

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Dear Steering Committee,

Edward B. Cole, Sr. Academy is an elementary public charter school located in the city of Santa Ana, California. We opened our doors to Orange County children in September of 2003 and now service approximately 320 students and their families. Our school is considered by the state of California to be a Title One school. Ninety percent of our students participate in the National Free Lunch Program (meaning many of them fall far below the poverty level). A large majority of our students are English Learners (meaning they come from families whose first language is not English). However, our test scores continue to climb annually as we strive to become a pillar in our community.

Our mission is to provide a rigorous academic environment, which will prepare and motivate students to pursue higher levels of education. We encourage our EBC parents to be actively involved in the educational process of their child by participating in school events, homework, family reading, PTO and various after school activities created to involve the family in the learning process.

At the beginning of every new school year parents are encourage to participate in a Demographic Survey. We can track families for many years until they move to a new school or relocate to a new area. For many years we have build many trusted relationship with residents in the targeted area. As a result we can ask for other data that may help track children and their families for many years.

The following demographic data is collect every year:

- **Family Ethnicity /Race**
- **Family Income Levels**
- **Language most frequently spoken in home**
- **Limited English Proficient (LEP)**
- **Highest Education Level (parents)**
- **Number of people in each household**
- **Marital Statues**
- **How long students lived at the address (rent or own)**
- **Students Medical Insurance Status**

For more information please call me Jesse Cisneros, Community Liaison at 714-836-9023. We are looking forward in working with the committee in helping children and their families in need.

Thank you.

