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Dear Sterling Montessori Academy and Charter School Parents,

We all recognize that State test results are only one of many measures to assess the academic success of a child and a school. Most of our parents have selected Sterling for many reasons, the academic success being only one.

Each year 3rd through 8th Grade students take state mandated assessments in Reading and Math. The 5th and 8th grade students take an assessment in Science.

Last week the results of the ABC testing were announced. I am extremely proud to report the outcome of that testing.

Sterling Montessori was one of only 157 schools (out of 2534 schools) to have more than 90% of its students at a proficient level **AND** have higher than expected growth. In addition, our school meets adequately yearly progress for all student groups (a measure of the federal requirements of No Child Left Behind N.C.L.B.)

Due to this excellent achievement, Sterling Montessori's' students, teachers, administrators and parents have earned the highest designation granted by the state as "**NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL HONOR SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE**".

Complete results for all NC Schools are available online at <http://www.ncreportcards.org/src/schDetails.jsp?pSchCode=000&pLEACode=92E&pYear=2008-2009>

Congratulations to all of the Sterling community that helped attain this momentous achievement.

Sincerely,

Bill Zajic
Executive Director
Sterling Montessori Charter School