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Dear Parents and BES Community,

The 2013-2014 school year has been one of hard work to make the great strides necessary to fulfill the expectations we have set for ourselves as educators of 21st century learners. In addition to continuing with our goal of creating literacy –centered curriculum, we have also engaged in the task of implementing and understanding the Common Core State Standards. This year the focus of our professional development includes the study of Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI) and Common Core State Standards. The combination of using EDI to implement CCSS helps teachers to deliver well-crafted effective lessons to improve instruction and increase student learning. We have begun using computer-based, as well as teacher-made, benchmarks to monitor student progress. In turn, teachers use the data they have collected to set goals, plan and modify instruction to meet individual student needs.

In addition to the core subject classes, during the school year students work to meet their academic goals by participating in (response to intervention) RTI classes that are built into their daily schedule. These classes allow students additional time to work on Reading and Math skills. Brockington Elementary also offers an After School Program, Saturday Academy and a Summer Reading Program. Curriculum enrichment and extended learning opportunities are made available through field trips (actual as well as virtual) and character education classes.

Participation from the community during PTO/SIC meetings, Fall Festival, and Curriculum (Reading, Writing, Math and Science) Night activities continue to be opportunities for parents and concerned citizens to express their support for our school's staff and students. Wal-Mart, Honda, BJT, Truluck's, Hardee's, IGA and other local businesses and churches are to be recognized for the support and well wishes extended to our school throughout the year.

We anticipate only favorable outcomes for the future and look forward to sharing our forthcoming successes with the Brockington Elementary community of supporters!

Educationally yours,

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