

# **San Leandro Unified School District**

## *Office of Curriculum and Instruction*



March 5, 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Federal law requires a count every 10 years of everyone living in the United States. All children, babies and adults who live in your household regardless of their nationality, citizenship status, race, age or gender are counted. This count is called a **census**, and it's happening again on **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010!**

San Leandro USD needs your help! Our students will benefit from everyone in our community filling out and returning the census questionnaire. The state and federal governments use the census data collected to make many important decisions, including determining funding for:

- School improvements
- Title 1 programs that provide academic support to students
- Title 3 programs that support instruction for English Learners
- Special Education



**That's why your voice must be heard!**

The 2010 Census questionnaire is short, takes minutes to complete, and is completely safe and confidential. Any information you share on the census questionnaire is **never shared** with other government agencies, including any office of immigration, the IRS or the FBI. Personal information is collected for statistical purposes only and is sealed for 72 years. Sharing census data with other agencies is a federal offense.

Questionnaires will be sent to your home in the mail around **March 17<sup>th</sup>** and will include a prepaid postage stamp for easy mailing. Also, census questionnaires in multiple languages will be available in all of our schools' main offices. If you have any questions or concerns about the **2010 census**, please do not hesitate to contact me at (510)-667-3529.

**Answering 10 questions on the census will lead to better schools in San Leandro.  
Be counted in the 2010 Census.  
We're counting on you!**

Sincerely,

Andrew Gordon  
Coordinator of Ed. Services and Categorical Programs

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