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**To: Mr. Pete Riojas
From: Mrs. Juanita Borrego
Re: Open Book Project
Date: April 8, 2008**

Mr. Riojas,

A small group of migrant parents from our district have been participating in a new and innovative technology program offered by Region One’s migrant department called Open Book. The parents were provided with a laptop, attended classes at the service center once a month and had to complete homework assignments. These parents have made tremendous growth, they have gone from not even knowing how to turn on the lap top to working on excel and using spread sheets as well as learning English. I am sorry to say that today was the last day of classes for these parents and they were all teary eyed as they received their certificate of completion. Some parents were holding on to their lap top for dear life, they had become a part of them.

Noemi Ochoa and Mari Chavana went above and beyond to make these parents feel welcomed and even offered their cell numbers if they had questions regarding the homework assignments. The parents had great things to say about the program, they want to participate in it once again next year. Given the opportunity I look forward to our parents being part of any program that empowers them. I’d say that we are definitely doing what we set out to do; we are helping to build our parents literacy skills which will in turn reflect on their children’s academic achievement.

Thank you for always supporting my vision for parental involvement.

Respectfully,

**Juanita Borrego
Parental Involvement Director**