



NCLB transfers - Look into it!

September 4, 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As a result of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, your child may have the option to transfer to another school within the District. This has become an option as your child's school has not made adequate yearly progress on the State tests for at least two years.

Your child's school is in **school improvement** which means the school has failed to make adequate yearly progress for 2 consecutive years and is required to offer public school choice.

Our District's 2009 report card and the most recent AYP status report for your school show how your child's school compares to other schools in our district and state. You can obtain a copy of these reports on our Web site www.rps205.com, at your child's school, or at the Family Resource Center, 978 Haskell Avenue, Rockford, IL 61103.

Your child's school has been identified because the students didn't meet or exceed 70% on the State's target in **reading and math**. The school is working to improve the school's academic program in reading by implementing the "Making Meaning" program and focusing Guided Reading instruction for all children. Additional math learning opportunities are being made available for those children below grade-level. The District and the State Board of Education are working with your child's school to help improve the academic standards of the school. This is being accomplished by providing technical assistance to the teachers and administrators within your child's school.

The No Child Left Behind Act provides you, as a parent, the option to transfer your child to another public school within the district with transportation provided by the district. However, our District has been approved to offer Supplemental Educational Services rather than Public School Choice this year. Families that qualify (meet the income guidelines) will be notified by mail that their children can participate in free after-school tutoring in reading, math, and/or science.

Please call **Sherrie Bias** at 815/966-3250 ext. 4507 or **Lisa Wentland** at 815/965-3484 if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued interest in your child's education.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent



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