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Re: **SCHOOL CHOICE**

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 restructuring which means the school has failed to make adequate yearly progress for at least 5 years and in addition to offering public school choice and supplemental educational services, another action is necessary. Options include reopening as a charter school, replacing all or most of the staff, entering into a contract with an entity, being taken over by the State, or implementing any other major restructuring of the school's governance.

Our district's **2010** 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, at your child's school, or at the school district office.

www.fordheights169.org

Your child's school has been identified because 70% of the students did not meet the standards in Reading. The school is working to improve the school's academic program by: appointing outside experts to advise them on its progress towards making adequately yearly progress, revising the School District's Mathematic and Language Arts curriculum and providing appropriate professional development where indicated, replaced school staff, and/or placed some instructors in remediation, instituted After School, Saturday School and flexible transitional classes to assist students who need additional support, purchased software that will help in individualizing instruction for students, plan additional parent workshops to assist parents in helping their child at home, initiated a website in which parents are kept up to date on what's happening in the school, and implemented school improvement strategies aimed at restructuring the school's core Instructional programs.

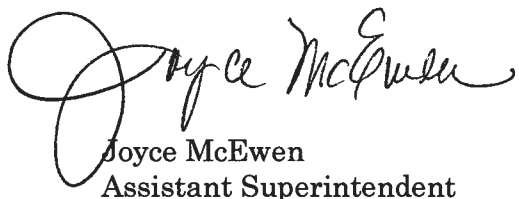
The district and the State Board of Education are working with your child's school to help improve the academic standards of the school. This is being accomplished by providing technical assistance to the teachers and administrators within your child's school.

However, this may not be enough and we want to request your help as the school addresses its academic challenges. The school would like to invite parents to serve on the committee that will guide the development of a school improvement plan. We would also like to involve parents in addressing the academic issues that caused the school to be identified for school improvement.

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, at this time we do not have a school to which your child can transfer. We have contacted neighboring districts to request that they provide us with a school(s) we can offer you as an option. No school district has agreed to do so this school year.

Please call the above number if you have any questions about these services.

Respectfully,



Joyce McEwen
Assistant Superintendent

cc: Dr. Gregory T. Jackson, Superintendent of Schools
Stephanie Stephen, Principal