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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 (AYP) on the State tests for at least two years.

Your child's school, Washington Elementary 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 2008 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.

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Washington Elementary School has been identified because it did not make adequate yearly progress in Reading and Mathematics for the past two years. The school is working to improve its academic program by:

- expanding reading services for selected groups of students in Kindergarten and grades 3 through 5
- providing after school tutoring and homework clubs
- adding a literacy coach to our staff for teacher training

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 improvement. The school would like to invite parents to become active in the PTO and the district Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for our second language students and to assist in developing the 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. A list of these schools is included on the enclosed Student Transfer Form. If you are interested in this option you must complete this form and return it to Washington Elementary School, 1031 Fifth Ave., Belvidere, IL 61008 to the attention of the principal, Mr. Jack Neil.

If you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment to discuss these services, please call Mr. Jack Neil at 815-544-3124.

Thank you,

Michael Houselog
Superintendent of Schools

Enclosures: Student Transfer Request

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