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Parent's Right to Know Regulations 200.61

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Dear Parent,

Your child's school receives Title I funding and is included under the regulations of the "No Child Left Behind Act" (NCLB) that was signed into law by President Bush on January 8, 2002.

NCLB requires:

- Increased accountability for states and school districts.
- Greater choice for parents, especially those in low performing schools.
- Greater flexibility for state and local education agencies in the use of federal funding.

Under NCLB, parents have a right to request professional qualification of their children's teacher(s) or paraprofessional(s). This letter is to inform you of your right to ask for the following information about your children's classroom teachers or paraprofessionals:

- Whether Pennsylvania has licensed the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which Pennsylvania licensing criteria have been waived.
- The teacher's baccalaureate degree major and whether the teacher has any advance degrees, and if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive specific information about your child's teacher or paraprofessional, please contact your school principal.

Our district is fully committed to the success of your child. We appreciate your partnership in our efforts to provide the best education for your child.

Sincerely,

David R. Goodin
Superintendent

SCHOOL CHOICE 2009-2010

Explanation of School Choice Option

According to NCLB, Connellsville Area School District must offer students the choice to transfer to another school in the district not in School Improvement. Please know that the staff in our school buildings has a relationship with your child and wants to continue serving your child all the way through 6th grade. However, if you feel your child will be better served in another school in the district, you may request a transfer for your child to another school within our district that is not currently under School Improvement.

Choice options are limited based on geography, attendance zones, magnet schools, eligible school alternatives and meeting posted deadlines for requests.

Transportation to one of these schools will be provided by the school district for as long as the school remains in Title I School Improvement. If a requested transfer is approved, your child will be permitted to attend the choice school until he or she completes the 6th grade, however the district will not pay transportation costs once the school exits school improvement.

- 1164 students were eligible for school choice
- 23 students participated in school choice
- Schools to which students may transfer
 - South Side
 - Connellsville Township
 - Bullskin Township
 - Dunbar Borough
 - Clifford N. Pritts

Supplemental Education Services 2009-2010

Supplemental Educational Services (SES) are extra academic services available in schools identified for School Improvement II or Corrective Action. Free tutoring is offered after school or on Saturday to help eligible students to improve in reading, mathematics and science.

- 1414 students were eligible for SES
- 308 students are participating
- State approved SES providers for Connellsville Area School District
 - ATS Project Success
 - Sylvan Learning Center
 - Huntington Learning Center
 - Club Z In-Home Tutoring Services, Inc.
 - The EdVenture Group
 - Communities in Schools of Southwest PA, Inc.