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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) provides for parents/guardians who have children attending schools identified as needing improvement to be notified of the school's academic achievement. This letter is intended to provide additional information concerning the options available to your child under NCLB. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) is one of the cornerstones of the NCLB Act. It is a measure of the year-to-year student achievement on statewide tests. Title I schools that do not meet the State standard for AYP for two or more consecutive years are placed in *In Need of Improvement* (INI) status. NCLB requires the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) to rate school performance based on several targets including student achievement in English Language Arts and Mathematics, attendance and test participation for the determination of AYP. Detailed information about AYP is located at <http://www.eride.ri.gov/reportcard/11/default.asp>.

In compliance with the requirements of NCLB, all students enrolled in a school that is in year one or greater of *In Need of Improvement* are offered the opportunity to enroll in a school that is not designated as INI. The transfer option is known as *Public School Choice*. To find out if your child may be eligible for the *Choice* transfer option and for more information specific to the performance of your child's school, please refer to the attached chart.

At this time, the only high school option available for Choice is Hope High School Academy of Arts. Parents/guardians who desire to apply for a transfer for the 2011-2012 school year must complete the enclosed NCLB transfer form. When completed, the form must be returned **by Friday, June 17th** in person or by mail to:

**Providence School District
Family and Community Engagement Center
Choice Transfer Request
379 Washington Street
Providence, RI 02903**

Please understand that the Providence School District receives more requests for student transfers than we are able to meet, and completing the attached form will not guarantee that your child will be able to transfer to another school.

In addition to NCLB school improvement requirements, the Providence School District has a number of plans for increasing student achievement, including the improvement of reading and math instruction, professional training for Providence teachers, and enhanced services to English Language Learners. As Superintendent, I would like to invite you personally to partner in improving student performance by reading with your child, helping your child complete homework, meeting regularly with your child's teacher, and joining the school improvement team or parent teacher organization (PTO). I encourage you to call Providence Schools' Parent Resource Center at 456-0686 to speak with our multilingual staff for more information.

I am confident that, through our partnership, 2011-2012 will continue the educational improvement of all schools in Providence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas M. Brady".

Thomas M. Brady
Superintendent