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Tuesday of Each Month

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Dear Parent(s):

No Child Left Behind requires all school districts to notify the parents of all students enrolled in Title I schools identified as in need of improvement of the option to transfer their children to another public school in the district with transportation provided. Your child attends Blountstown Elementary School, which receives federal Title I funds to provide additional opportunities for your child to meet state achievement standards in reading, writing, and mathematics. Blountstown Elementary School has been identified as a school in need of improvement. This designation alone does not indicate a failing school, but provides a focus on areas for school improvement by principals, teachers, and parents.

- ✓ 2005-2006, Blountstown Elementary School received a school grade of 'B'; did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for meeting state proficiency standards in writing and reading
- ✓ 2006-2007, Blountstown Elementary School received a school grade of 'A'; did not make AYP for meeting state proficiency standards in writing; was identified as a School in Need of Improvement
- ✓ 2007-2008, Blountstown Elementary School received a school grade of 'A'; did not make AYP for meeting state proficiency standards in writing, reading, and math; was identified as a School in Need of Improvement
- ✓ 2008-2009, Blountstown Elementary School received a school grade of 'A'; **did make AYP** for meeting state proficiency standards in writing, reading, math; was identified as a School in Need of Improvement
- ✓ 2009-2010, Blountstown Elementary School received a school grade of 'B'; did not make AYP for meeting state proficiency standards in reading and math; was identified as a School in Need of Improvement.

Blountstown Elementary School continues to be identified as a School in Need of Improvement. Under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, when a school has been identified as a School in Need of Improvement, parents have options. For the 2011-2012 school year;

1. You may choose to have your child remain at Blountstown Elementary School.
2. You may choose for your child to remain at Blountstown Elementary School and receive free tutoring or "Supplemental Educational Services" if your child is

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eligible for free or reduced-priced lunch. You will receive information about possible free tutoring at a later date.

3. You may choose to transfer your child to one of the schools listed below with transportation provided by the district for the 2011-2012 school year. If demand for transportation exceeds available funds, transportation will be prioritized to the lowest achieving low-income students.

If you want to transfer your child to another public school, you may choose one of the following schools:

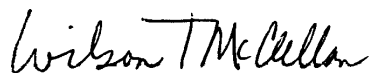
1. Altha Public School
Did Not Make Adequate Yearly Progress
Met 77% of AYP standards for 2009-2010
Received a School Grade of 'B'
Is Not a Title I School
2. Carr Elementary and Middle School
Made Adequate Yearly Progress
Met 100% of AYP standards for 2009-2010
Received a School Grade of 'A'
Is Not a Title I School

If you would like more information regarding your child's school and how it compares to other schools in the district, please contact Pam Bozeman, Principal at Blountstown Elementary School or visit the district website at www.calhounflschools.org or the Florida Department of Education's website at <http://schoolgrade.fldoe.org/>.

Please return the attached School Choice Request Form to your child's teacher by May 6, 2011. If you have any questions or need assistance with this application, please contact Vicki Davis at 674-8733 ext 22 or Jenny Hill at 674-8734 ext 223. Thank you for your continued interest in your child's education.

All applications are to be returned to your child's teacher by May 6, 2011.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Application for NCLB School Choice with Transportation
Choice with Transportation – Frequently Asked Questions for Parents