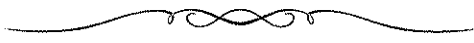


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Dear Parent:

The *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) increases parents' choices about their children's education. The purpose of this letter is to inform you about this law and the provision for school choice as outlined in NCLB.

NCLB requires districts to teach grade-level standards, use the most effective methods and instructional strategies for teaching students, and assess their progress each year. A school's progress is determined by adequate yearly progress (AYP), which is based primarily on how well students perform on the state assessments.

For AYP purposes for proficiency, a subgroup must contain at least 20 students who have been enrolled in the school for the full academic year. (The Students with Disabilities subgroup must contain at least 35.) Performance of the following subgroups is reported if the subgroup meets these size requirements:

- The school as a whole
- African-American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Hispanic
- Native American/American Indian
- White
- Other
- Economically Disadvantaged
- Students with Disabilities
- Limited English Proficient

Included in the AYP calculation is student participation. At least 95 percent (95%) of the total school population and each subgroup must take the state assessments.

NCLB allows for a *safe harbor* provision so that schools are not penalized for a particular group's performance being below the goal provided sufficient progress is made. For example, if the student group improved its performance by decreasing the number of students not proficient by at least ten percent (10%) over the previous year, the group would make AYP by qualifying for the safe harbor provision.

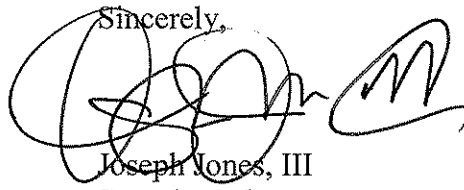
Preliminary results for 2006-07 indicate that Evergreen Avenue School is in Year 2 of School Improvement Status. The Evergreen Avenue School met 39 out of 41 indicators.

Schools that do not make AYP for two consecutive years in the same content areas (language arts literacy or mathematics) are identified as “in need of improvement” by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) and must provide the opportunity for students to transfer to a high-performing school in the district where available. As I assume you are aware, the Woodbury Public Schools already have a “School Choice” option. Therefore, no additional action is required in conjunction with this year 2 status. If you desire more specific information regarding this choice option, please contact me directly at 856-853-0123, ext. 230.

Additionally, each school in Year 2 must update their school improvement plan to identify how they will help increase academic achievement of the students. The school must consult with parents during the development of the plan. You are encouraged to participate in this process through conversation with the building principal.

The Woodbury Public Schools take the federal testing requirements under the NCLB legislation very seriously. The district is focusing on academic strategies to ensure that students are positioned to perform better in future testing situations.

We are proud of the work that we accomplish each day and look forward to partnering with you to ensure a high quality education for all students.

Sincerely,  
  
Joseph Jones, III  
Superintendent