



COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents,

In the 2009 school year several schools did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as measured by the standards of federal legislation called No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Because your school did not make AYP and it receives federal Title I funds families are given the opportunity of school choice and may request a transfer to a school that made AYP. Normally, this is offered in the fall of the year after the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) results have been received. This leads to children changing schools after the start of school and is not family friendly. Therefore we are offering school choice for school year 2010 – 2011.

The following schools did not make AYP and cannot be school choice schools:

Blue Ridge	Benton	Alpha Hart Lewis	Fairview	New Haven
Grant	Lee	Derby Ridge	Parkade	West Boulevard
Paxton Keeley	Rock Bridge	Russell	Shepard	

The following schools made AYP:

Midway	Mill Creek	Two Mile Prairie	Ridgeway*
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School choice must be offered, but if there is limited space children’s socioeconomic status, as measured by free/reduced lunch status and tests scores must be given priority. We will be using reading level for kindergarten through third grade and MAP scores for fourth graders.

If you wish to request school choice please fill out the attached transfer request form and return to your school or the administration building regarding your school choice request. Transportation will be provided.

Respectfully,

Dr. Peter Stiepleman

* Ridgeway is currently full at all grade levels.