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Student Assignment Under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)

The School Board of Lee County recognizes the requirements under the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB). To fulfill the requirements of NCLB, the District shall provide students who are enrolled in a Title I school that is designated for school improvement with the opportunity to make a change in assignment or to stay at their current school and receive Supplemental Education Services.

The Superintendent may elect to implement an early notification option, a regular notification option, or both. The Superintendent's decision shall be announced prior to the beginning of the first enrollment period.

(1) Early Notification Option

(a) Parental Notification

The Superintendent shall designate the transfer options and Supplemental Educational Services (SES) opportunities for students who are enrolled in Title I schools which have been identified for school improvement and which will not be able to exit school in need of improvement (SINI) status. The District shall notify parents/guardians of their transfer options in conjunction with the District's regular student assignment process. Such notification shall be in compliance with guidance from the Florida Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Education.

(b) Preference Selection

Parents shall make their selection through the regular student assignment process available during the first enrollment period for the next school year.

(c) Assignment Notification

The District will notify parents of their assignment through the regular student assignment process.

(d) Failure to Reply

If a parent/guardian fails to meet the deadlines of the first enrollment period established for the regular student assignment process, this shall represent the parent's/guardian's decision to keep the child in the school assigned through the regular process.

48 (e) Students new to the District and students new to a Zone due to a change of
49 residence shall be informed about schools in need of improvement (SINI)
50 status at the time they apply for enrollment during the period after the end of
51 the first enrollment period through the date 14 calendar days, excluding
52 holidays, of the District receiving official notice of SINI status from the State
53 Department of Education. Such information shall be in compliance with
54 guidance from the Florida Department of Education and the U.S. Department
55 of Education.

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57 (2) Regular Notification Option

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59 (a) Parental Notification

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61 After receiving notice from the State Department of Education of which
62 District schools have accomplished adequate yearly progress, the
63 Superintendent shall designate the transfer options and Supplemental
64 Educational Services (SES) opportunities for students who are enrolled in
65 Title I schools which have been identified for school improvement. Within 14
66 calendar days (excluding holidays) of receiving notice from the State
67 Department of Education, the District shall notify parents/guardians of their
68 transfer options and provide them with instructions on how to indicate their
69 transfer option preferences. This communication shall be accompanied by
70 information regarding the availability of SES for eligible students.

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72 (b) Preference Selection

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74 Parents/guardians shall then return their transfer or SES preferences to the
75 District on a form provided to them for this purpose. The District shall only
76 accept preferences that are delivered or postmarked within 14 calendar days
77 (excluding holidays) after the postmark on the District's notification to
78 parents/guardians. The District shall only accept original, hand-signed
79 preference forms and shall not accept forms delivered through any electronic
80 means such as facsimile or e-mail.

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82 (c) Assignment Notification

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84 Within 10 calendar days (excluding holidays) of the deadline for returning
85 transfer preference forms, the District shall mail to the parent/guardian an
86 assignment notification indicating the transfer option to which the student has
87 been assigned.

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89 (d) SES Notification

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91 Within 10 calendar days (excluding holidays) of the deadline for returning
92 SES preference forms, the District shall mail to the parent/guardian a
93 confirmation of Provider Choice selection.

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96 (e) Failure to Reply

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98 If a parent/guardian fails to meet the deadlines in paragraph (2)(c) above
99 (regarding the return of the NCLB Transfer Option Form) this shall represent
100 the parent's/guardian's decision to keep the child in the current school of
101 enrollment.

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104 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, F.S.; and 20 USC Section
105 6301 et. seq.

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