

August 24, 2009

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

The goal of the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) of 2001 act is to ensure that all children in this country receive a quality education. Under NCLB, each state is required to assess all schools to determine if each school has made adequate yearly progress (AYP) toward meeting the academic testing standards set by the state. If the school has not made AYP for two consecutive years, it is considered “in need of improvement.”

Based on the results of this year’s academic testing in reading and math, your child’s school, Lift for Life Academy, did not make adequate yearly progress for the following reasons:

- Failure to reach state performance targets in Communication Arts and Mathematics on the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP).

Lift for Life Academy’s scores on the MAP are below the state average in Communication Arts and Math; however, the school is outperforming many schools located within the City of St. Louis. For more information on how Lift for Life Academy compares to other schools, please visit the following website: [http://dese.mo.gov/schooldata/school\\_data.html](http://dese.mo.gov/schooldata/school_data.html)

***School Choice:***

In accordance with the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act, schools that do not make adequate yearly progress are required to offer a “choice option” to parents. The choice option allows parents to request a transfer of their student(s) to a school that did meet AYP. Your child is eligible for public school choice options under the NCLB Act. There are two options available for your child:

1. Remain at the current school.
2. Request transfer to a school in your district that has made adequate academic progress.

St. Louis magnet schools and county schools along with other charter schools are not available for the “school choice” selection. In addition, no non-magnet middle or high schools in the City of St. Louis met AYP in both Communication Arts and Math. For more information about school choice, please contact the school’s administrative offices.

***Supplemental Educational Services (SES):***

Under the provisions of No Child Left Behind Act, schools that do not achieve AYP must offer Supplemental Educational Services (SES) to their students. Included with this letter are a SES request form and list of providers. Once request forms have been submitted, the school will work with the providers to arrange services. Some of the providers parents choose may not decide to

work with the school. If you have any questions, then please contact the school's administrative offices.

***School Improvement:***

Because of this designation, the school must develop a plan for improvement. One important component of this plan will be parent involvement in both the development and implementation of the plan. We encourage you to become involved with your child's school to support school improvement. Listed below are just a couple of things parents can do to assist us in our improvement goals:

- Attend all scheduled parent-teacher conferences.
- Monitor the academic progress of students on the computer using Ed-line.
- Inform teachers and administrators that you are willing to volunteer, correspond regularly, and attend classes with your student.
- Make suggestions to the teachers and administrators on how to help your child achieve and have an overall successful school experience.

Sincerely,

Katrice Noble, Principal

## Request to Transfer Under No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

This form allows you to request a transfer for your child from a school identified as “in need of improvement” to one that has not been designated as such. If you have questions regarding the transfer process, please contact David LeMay at 314-231-2337 Ext. 234 or visit our office at 1731 South Broadway, St. Louis, MO 63104.

The deadline for returning this form is September 1, 2009.

Please review the <<title of catalog of schools>> for program and performance information about each school listed below.

Possible Schools	Program Notes	Achievement Levels
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		

Please complete this information if you are interested in transferring your child.

### Student Information:

(First)_____	(Middle)_____	(Last)_____
Date of Birth _____		
Address _____		
Parent/Legal Guardian's Name _____		
Telephone: Home _____		Cell/Work _____
Present School Assignment _____		Grade _____

Requested School Assignment (in prioritized list)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_

Is your child currently receiving any special services?

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please list the services below:

*(depending on your district services, you may want to break this out with a list to choose from such as Special Education Services or English Language services)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Today's Date

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