

**Rochelle Elementary School
DISTRICT 231
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Dear Parent/Guardian

As a result of the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*, your child may have the option to transfer to another school within the district. This has become an option as your child's school has not made adequate yearly progress on the State tests for at least two years.

Your child's school is in school improvement which means the school has failed to make adequate yearly progress for 2 consecutive years and is required to offer public school choice.

Our district's 2008 report card and the most recent AYP status report for your school show how your child's school compares to other schools in our district and state. You can obtain a copy of these reports on our Web site at your child's school, or at the school district office. (www.d231.rochelle.net)

Your child's school has been identified because of not making adequately yearly progress in reading. Schools need 70% of students to meet or exceed to make AYP, and Lincoln had 60.7% of students meet or exceed in reading. Lincoln did make AYP in math with 80.3% meeting or exceeding. The school is working to improve the school's academic program by implementing best strategies in reading, incorporating response to intervention (RtI) to addresses specific student needs, and continuing to use technology through the recent technology grant that has equipped classrooms with Smartboards. The district and the State Board of Education are working with your child's school to help improve the academic standards of the school. This is being accomplished by providing technical assistance to the teachers and administrators within your child's school.

However, this may not be enough and we want to request your help as the school addresses reading improvement with the students. The school would like to invite parents to serve on the committee that will need to develop a school improvement plan. We would also like to involve parents in the students' learning through communication with the school and assisting with your child's reading at home.

The *No Child Left Behind Act* provides you, as a parent, the option to transfer your child to another public school within the district with transportation provided by the district. A list of these schools is listed below along with an enclosed Student Transfer Form that you must complete and return to Rochelle Elementary Schools District Office (444 N. 8th Street) by July 31, 2009. Below each school is the percent of students who met or exceeded in reading and math on the 2009 state test.

Central School
444 N. 8th Street
Rochelle, IL 61068
815 562-8251
77.7% in Reading
87.2% in Math

Tilton School
1050 N. 9th Street
Rochelle, IL 61068
815 562-6665
88.3% in Reading
94.9% in Math

May School
1033 N. 2nd Street
Rochelle, IL 61068
815 562-6331
84.0% in Reading
93.1% in Math

Please call Todd Prusator, Superintendent, or Joanna Sharp, Director of Instructional Services if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Todd Prusator
Superintendent
Enclosures: Student Transfer Form