



July 24, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Florida Statute 1002.38 requires that students who either by assigned attendance area or by district placement spent the 2010-2011 school year in a school eligible for the Opportunity Scholarship Program or who by assigned attendance area or district placement are projected to attend a public school for 2011-2012 school year that is eligible for the Opportunity Scholarship Program be given the opportunity to transfer to another school with a performance grade category of "C" or higher. An eligible school is a school that is designated by the Florida Department of Education as having a performance grade category "D" or "F" for 2011 and is in one of the two (2) lowest performing categories of F.S. 1008.33.

Because your child meets one of the above criteria, you are eligible to participate in the Opportunity Scholarship Program and you may select one of the following options:

1. You may choose to have your child remain at the current or projected school. Please be aware that resources may be available at your current or projected school that may not be provided at the school of choice.
2. You may choose to transfer your child to another public school that has been graded "C" or higher. Transportation will be provided for elementary and middle school students. High school students may opt for a school that has district-provided transportation or they may select an option that does not include transportation. A transfer application and a listing of school choice options appropriate for your grade level are included with this letter. If you decide to apply for a transfer, you should follow the directions on the application form. You may also access your application online at www.duvalchoice.com; select the Opportunity Scholarship Program tab and then click on link "apply online."
3. You may choose to transfer your child to another public school that has been graded "C" or higher that has available space in an adjacent school district. However, transportation will be your responsibility and admission will be based on the other school district's adopted criteria.

If you want to transfer to another school, you must complete and submit an application to the School Choice Office in the DCPS' administration building at 1701 Prudential Drive, 32207, by **August 5, 2011**. You will be notified either by mail or by phone regarding the 2011-2012 school assignment for your child. Transportation information will be included, if appropriate.

If you have any questions, please contact the School Choice Department at 390-2082 or 390-2144.

Sincerely,

Ed Pratt-Dannals
Superintendent of Schools

Enclosures: Opportunity Scholarship Options 2011-2012
Opportunity Scholarship Program Student Transfer Application 2011-2012

Note: *A student who attends an eligible school by choice (e.g. magnet, special assignment, McKay, etc.) is not eligible to participate in the Opportunity Scholarship Program.*