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June 26, 2008

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) requires that parents/guardians of children attending “Needs Improvement” schools be notified of their school’s academic achievement. This letter is intended to provide additional information concerning the options available to your child under the NCLB Act. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) is one of the cornerstones of the NCLB Act. It is a measure of year-to-year student achievement on statewide tests. Recent testing data indicates that your child’s school did not make AYP for the 2007-08 school year and must offer Public School Choice.

Public School Choice allows students enrolled in a school that is in Year One or more of “Needs Improvement” status to enroll in a school not designated as “Needs Improvement.” The school system has certain obligations to provide or pay for transportation to the choice school if the student is transferring from a Title I school. Banneker High School is a Non-Title I school and transportation will not be provided by the district to the choice school. **If you choose to take advantage of Public School Choice to the transfer school you will be responsible for transportation.**

In spite of the progress made by our students, Banneker High School has been included on a list of schools in Georgia identified as not making Adequate Yearly Progress. Banneker High School is identified as a Needs Improvement Year 2 school under NCLB. As a result, the school is developing a plan for improvement that will focus on the academic achievement of all students, and in accordance with NCLB, specifically addressing the reason why the school is identified as Needs Improvement.

Deciding whether to transfer to another school is an important decision and we want you to make the best, most informed decision possible. Please consider the improvement strategies and special programs at your child’s current school as well as its positive achievements. Please also become more familiar with any school you may be considering for a transfer. You are welcome to visit that school and speak with its staff, as well as contact other parents. We have included 2007-08 test scores for your school and the transfer schools to give you a background on academic achievement.

Under NCLB, a school must make AYP two consecutive years to be removed from Needs Improvement. Please know that your child’s school is doing well overall. While we are constantly improving, **Banneker High School** remains in Needs Improvement status; therefore, you may choose for your child to remain at **Banneker High School** or to transfer to one of the below schools, which are offered based on a variety of factors, including AYP status, projected enrollment, location and transportation options:

- **Chattahoochee High School**
- **North Springs High School**
- **Roswell High School**

**IF YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO REMAIN AT BANNEKER HIGH SCHOOL, NO ACTION IS NECESSARY.** Parents/guardians who desire to apply for a transfer must complete a request for transfer application. The request for transfer application must be **received** (not postmarked) by mail or hand-delivery to the Fulton County School System's Student Assignment Office on or before **July 18, 2008**. You may also fax the application to 404-669-4948 on or before **July 18, 2008**. Please be aware that we can not guarantee that all students will be assigned their first choice school.

Please complete the attached form and return it to the Student Assignment Office:

Fulton County School System  
Student Assignment Office  
786 Cleveland Avenue SW  
Atlanta, GA 30315

We want to continue serving your child and will use all the resources available to the Fulton County School System to help our students achieve. An important part of this effort is parent participation and support in developing activities to improve student achievement. We hope that as a parent you will participate in developing our school improvement initiatives as we continue to monitor student achievement and set high expectations. If you are interested in additional information regarding the Public School Choice provisions of NCLB, and/or have questions, please contact the Student Assignment Office at 404-763-6801.

Sincerely,

Linda Anderson  
Deputy Superintendent Instruction

## REQUEST FOR AYP SCHOOL CHOICE TRANSFER 2008- 09

Student's name *(list only one child per form)* \_\_\_\_\_

Student's grade level (2008-09) \_\_\_\_\_ Student's date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Does this student have an open IEP? (circle one) Yes No

You may request to have your child attend any of the schools listed below. **If interested, please rank all of the schools in order of preference with '1' being your first choice.\*** The district encourages you to rank as many choices as possible. One-way travel time to all choice schools could exceed 1½ hours without any major traffic delays.

**ATTENDANCE OPTIONS**

**Spring 2008 GHSGT Scores**

(% of 11th grade students passing\*\* )

*\*Please remember to rank all of the schools in order of preference with '1' being your first choice.*

	<b>Spring 2008</b>			
			<b>Soc.</b>	
	<b>Eng/L.A.</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Studies</b>	<b>Science</b>
_____ <b>Banneker High School (current school)</b>	76%	76%	70%	64%
_____ <b>Chattahoochee High School - 48 miles</b> 5230 Taylor Road Johns Creek, Georgia 30022	98%	98%	98%	96%
_____ <b>North Springs Charter - 33 miles</b> 7447 Roswell Road Sandy Springs, GA 30075	92%	90%	86%	84%
_____ <b>Roswell High School - 44 miles</b> 11595 King Road Roswell, GA 30075	95%	96%	94%	93%

*\*\*2008 Results reflect all 11th grade first-time test takers. Previous year's published reports reflect ONLY regular education first-time test takers and cannot be compared.*

The Fulton County School System cannot guarantee that your child will be approved for a transfer to your top school choice. You will be informed of your child's school assignment. **If you would like for your child to remain at his or her current school, you do not have to complete this form or take any other action.**

Parent or Guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete and return this form by mail, fax or hand delivery to:**

Office of Student Assignment  
 Fulton County School System  
 786 Cleveland Avenue SW, Atlanta, GA 30315  
**FAX: 404-669-4948 PHONE: 404-763-6801**

**TRANSFER REQUESTS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 4:30 PM, July 18, 2008**

<b>For Office Use Only</b>		
F/R Status: _____	Achievement: _____	Approved for transfer: _____