



**PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE
NO RECEIVING SCHOOL AVAILABLE**

07/25/2011

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) provides for parents/guardians who have children attending schools identified as needing improvement to be notified of the school's academic achievement. This letter is intended to provide additional information concerning the options available to your child under ESEA. Adequate yearly progress (AYP) is one of the cornerstones of ESEA. It is a measure of year-to-year student achievement on statewide tests. Title I schools that do not meet the State standard for AYP in the same subject for two or more consecutive years are placed in needs improvement (NI). In compliance with the requirements of ESEA, all students enrolled in a school that is in year one of NI has or have the opportunity to enroll in a school not designated as NI. This transfer option is known as public school choice (PSC). However, at this time your child cannot be transferred to another school to receive public school choice for the following reasons:

- Georgia School for the Deaf is the district and has only one school and that is the school that your child is currently attending.
- Georgia School for the Deaf has attempted to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the following districts; Rome City Schools, Floyd County Schools, and Polk County Schools however, at this time Rome City Schools, Floyd County Schools, and Polk County Schools are unable to accept students as transfers.
- Georgia School for the Deaf **will** offer supplemental educational services (SES) (free tutoring) to students if public school choice (PSC) is not an available option. Additional Information for SES will be mailed to parents at the beginning of the school year.

In spite of the progress made by our students, Georgia School for the Deaf has been included on a list of schools in Georgia identified as not making adequate yearly progress (AYP). Georgia School for the Deaf is identified as a needs improvement year (NI) 7 school under ESEA. As a result, the school is developing a plan for continuation that will focus on the academic achievement of all students, and in accordance with ESEA, specifically addressing the reason why the school is identified as NI. An important part of the success plan for Georgia School for the Deaf is parent participation and support in developing activities to improve student achievement. We hope that as a parent, you will become involved in our school improvement initiatives as we continue to monitor student achievement and set high expectations. If you are interested in participating in developing our school improvement initiatives, contact Leslie Jackson at 706-777-2200 fax 706-777-2204 email LeJackson@doe.k12.ga.us or Sunday Stephens at 706-777-2325 fax 706-777-2204 email sstephens@doe.k12.ga.us

Thank you for all that you do to support your child's education.

Sincerely,

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Principal