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TO: All Principals  
FROM: Janis Andrews, Ed.D. Chief Academic Officer 

**SUBJECT: LAST DAY FOR ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS BY CHOICE PROGRAMS**

The Department of Choice and Career Options will not assign students to any Choice Program or Career Academy from the wait pool after the close of business on August 17, 2012. The following programs are amended as follows:

- Due to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) waiver that was approved in spring 2012, commonly referred to as No Child Left Behind (NCLB), no new students in this program have been assigned to schools for the 2012-2013 school year.
- Students previously enrolled through NCLB will be “grandfathered” in the program until they complete the highest grade possible for the school they are attending.
- As a result of the 2011-2012 elementary and middle school grades, there was not a designated Opportunity Scholarship School.
- The eligible list of Opportunity Scholarship high schools will be available late Fall 2012 when high school grades become available.
- If a high school is a designated Opportunity Scholarship School, the transfer of students to a higher performing high school will be effective for the **2013-2014** school year.

Adhering to this deadline supports each school’s effort to meet class size reduction mandates. It also allows for class rosters and master boards to be finalized as much as possible prior to the start of school. Additionally, restricting assignments to occur before the August 17, 2012 date supports the Department of Transportation’s goal of having finalized bus routes before the first day of school. By not making last minute changes, thousands of transportation dollars will be saved.

If you have any questions regarding the cut-off date, please contact Peter B. Licata, Director of Choice and Career Options.

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Approved:   
E. Wayne Gent, Superintendent

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