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September 16, 2011

RE: Schools of Choice notification

Dear Parent(s) or Caregiver(s):

The administration, staff and Board of Directors of Wavecrest Career Academy are dedicated to providing all students with the educational foundation necessary to succeed in school and in life. To ensure your child's success, we have set high standards that are reflected in our mission, our vision and our values.

We are writing to let you know that Wavecrest Career Academy has been designated for corrective action under the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB). This designation means that the school has not made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) on the Michigan Merit Exam (test of academic achievement). Wavecrest Career Academy has been identified because the graduation rate does not meet the requirements under NCLB, we fell short of having 95% of our students participate on the Michigan Merit Exam and students did not reach the proficient benchmark in mathematics.

Because of Wavecrest's status, you have the option to apply to transfer your child to accepting schools within the Ottawa Area ISD that have made AYP. If you exercise the option of transferring your child and your child is accepted, you (or the school district you choose) may be responsible for providing transportation if you live within their district bounds. If the school district you choice is unable to provide transportation, Wavecrest will provide transportation in the form of a bus pass within certain cost limitations. To help you decide, we have provided test information from area schools along with Wavecrest's information so you can compare them. Based on this information, you may choose a school using the enclosed transfer form. You must complete and return this form by October 7, 2011 for consideration.

If you would like your child to remain at Wavecrest Career Academy, no action on your part is required. We want to continue serving your child, and we'll use all the resources available to us to help our students achieve. We are using our school improvement plan, developed as required by Michigan law, to address our school improvement needs, including those identified under NCLB. Since building and maintaining a high quality school is a job for the entire community, we need your help in reaching these goals. We encourage you to provide input as we strive to help our students succeed now and in the future.

If you have any questions or concerns, or to get involved in our school improvement efforts, please contact me at (616) 393-7662.

Sincerely,

Mark King

Mark E. King
Director

Enclosures



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Academic Achievement Comparison for Identified Areas

This chart compares Wavecrest's academic achievement in the subject and grade identified for improvement to at least three other schools in the district and the State average.

	Percent of All Students Proficient in English Language Arts	Percent of Students Proficient in Mathematics	Percent of Students Graduating on Track (Graduation Rate)
Wavecrest	80%	33%	42%
Holland High	89%	84%	79%
West Ottawa	92%	86%	82%
Zeeland West	93%	92%	93%
State Average	63%	52%	76%
Required Proficiency Level	71%	67%	80%

Wavecrest Career Academy Transfer Information

Your student may be able to transfer to the following schools. Please complete the attached Transfer Request Form or contact the school for more information. If you wish to remain at Wavecrest, you are not required to complete the attached form.

Holland High

600 Van Raalte Ave
 Phone: (616) 494-2200

West Ottawa High School

3685 Butternut Drive, Holland, MI 49424
 Phone: (616) 994.5000

Zeeland West High School

3390 100th St, Zeeland, MI 49464
 Phone: (616) 748-4500



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Elementary & Secondary Education Act (ESEA)
Public School Choice/Transfer Request

Please print all requested information accurately and clearly
Please complete one application per child if you wish to apply
for the Schools of Choice option provided to your child.
Return this request form on or before October 7, 2011 to:

Wavecrest Career Academy
633 Apple Ave
Holland, MI 49423
Phone: 616-393-7662
Fax: 616-393-7633

Please complete the following student information:

Student Name: _____ Student ID#: _____

Student's Grade: _____ Student's Date of Birth: _____

Name of School Student Currently Attends: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: (____) ____-____ Alternate or Cell: (____) ____-____

Is this student currently enrolled in special education? Yes No

Parent/Guardian Statement:

I have received and understand the notification sent informing me that Wavecrest Career Academy did not make adequate yearly progress (AYP) and has been identified for improvement. I also understand that I have the option to transfer my child to another school that has not been identified for improvement and is making AYP. Based on this information, I choose:

OPTION 1: Transfer to another school

First choice of school I wish to transfer my child to: _____

Second choice of school I wish to transfer my child to: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date