

September 1, 2010

Dear Parent:

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 school improvement 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 and we failed to test 95% of our students on the Michigan Merit Exam.

While holding high expectations for our students is core to our mission, our philosophy is one that embraces all learners, including those who may be struggling socially or academically, and consequently, may not be able to graduate within the time frame established by NCLB. This does not necessarily mean that our students are not achieving, just that they are not graduating in the traditional four-year time frame.

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) will be responsible for providing transportation. To help you decide, we have provided test information from the schools that made AYP 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 1, 2010 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, but building and maintaining a high quality school is a job for the entire community, and 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 decide not to transfer your child and your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, free tutoring may be available to your child. You will receive a separate letter about free tutoring.

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

Sincerely,

Tony Petersen
Director

**Wavecrest Career Academy
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	18.18%	9.09%	46%
Holland High	N/A	N/A	N/A
West Ottawa	N/A	N/A	N/A
State Average			
Required Proficiency Level	59%	65%	80%

(Information for other local schools is not available yet.)

**Wavecrest Career Academy
Elementary & Secondary Education Act (ESEA)
Public School Choice/Transfer Request**

Please print all requested information accurately and clearly

Please complete one application per child. Check ONLY Option 1 or Option 2 below.
Return this request form on or before September 30, 2010 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: _____

OPTION 2: Remain at Wavecrest Career Academy

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date