

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION LETTER REGARDING CHOICE AND TRANSFERS

Date: May 17, 2018

Dear Parent(s)

On March 14, 2013, former Governor Robert Bentley signed into law the *Alabama Accountability Act of 2013*, which sets forth new flexibility requirements for school systems and schools. The Act also includes a provision for financial assistance through an income tax credit to a parent who transfers a student from a failing public school to a non-failing public or a non-public school of the parent's choice.

Your child's school, Greensboro High School or Hale County High School, has been designated a "failing school" pursuant to the Act. This designation does not reflect progress that is in fact occurring at your school. Strategies are currently being implemented to ensure that your child receives the best education possible.

Due to your child's school meeting the definition of a "failing school," we are required to notify you of your options as follows:

- **Option 1** – Your child may remain or enroll in his or her assigned school and may continue to take advantage of the programs provided by the Hale County Board of Education.
- **Option 2** – ~~Your child may transfer to a comparable school that is not included on the annual list of "failing schools" in the same local school system that has available space and is willing to accept the student.~~
- **Option 3** – If your local school system has not made Option 2 available, your child may transfer to a comparable school that is not included on the annual list of "failing schools" in another local school system that has available space and is willing to accept the student.
- **Option 4** – Your child may transfer to a qualifying non-public school in Alabama that is willing to accept the student.

Parents who elect to utilize the transfer process (Options 2, 3, or 4) must complete an appropriate Student Transfer Form. This form is available on the halek12.org website as well as at the Hale County Board of Education.

This Student Transfer Form must be submitted to Mr. Ryans at the Hale County Board of Education, by June 18, 2018 for the 2018-2019 school year.

Finally, please be aware that this letter is an important income tax document. Please retain a copy of it and the Student Transfer Form for preparation of your upcoming state income tax return. You will need to submit the Student Transfer Form with your state tax return to the Alabama Department of Revenue if you request a tax credit pursuant to Alabama Act No. 2013-265.

If you have any questions regarding this notification, please feel free to contact me at (334) 624-3051.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael C. Ryans
Director of Federal Programs