

## **No Child Left Behind - 2009**

### **School choice and consequences**

**Although all schools are expected to meet federal standards, only schools that receive federal money for low income students through the Title I program are subject to sanctions under No Child Left Behind:**

- One school will no longer face sanctions because they made AYP for the second time this year: Winburn Middle School
- Five schools will offer school choice this year – Cardinal Valley and Russell Cave elementary schools; Crawford, Leestown and Tates Creek middle schools.
- Of those, Tates Creek Middle made Adequate Yearly Progress and is only facing consequences because they have to make AYP for two years in a row before they can be released from the “improvement” category.

**Of the six schools facing consequences under No Child Left Behind this year:**

- Cardinal Valley Elementary is in Tier 2 of consequences, meaning they have missed AYP for three consecutive years. They have to allow students to transfer to another school and revise their school improvement plan, and offer additional tutoring.
- Since Russell Cave Elementary missed AYP this year after making it last year, the school moves into in Tier 3 of consequences, meaning they have missed AYP four times. They have to allow students to transfer to another school, revise their school improvement plan, offer additional tutoring and implement corrective action.
- Since Tates Creek Middle School made AYP this year, the school stays steady in Tier 3 of consequences, meaning they have missed AYP four times. They have to allow students to transfer to another school, revise their school improvement plan, offer additional tutoring and implement corrective action.
- Crawford and Leestown and middle schools are in Tier 4 of consequences, meaning they have missed AYP five times. They have to allow students to transfer to another school, revise their school improvement plan, offer additional tutoring and implement corrective action. In addition, the district will develop an alternative governance plan for the school.
- Bryan Station High School is in Tier 5 of consequences for the second year, meaning they have missed AYP seven times. They have to revise their school improvement plan, offer additional tutoring, and implement both corrective action and a restructuring plan. Since there are no high schools in the district that made AYP and no surrounding counties were willing to accept our students, Bryan Station will not offer choice this year.

**Changes to the state testing and accountability system approved last spring by the General Assembly have resulted in a new wrinkle to No Child Left Behind this year. For the first time, non-Title I schools that do not made Adequate Yearly Progress for two consecutive years are now eligible to receive state assistance. Fayette County schools eligible for that help are:**

- Bryan Station Traditional Magnet Middle, Henry Clay High, Lafayette High, Paul Laurence Dunbar High, and Tates Creek High.

## **School choice**

As a result of the 2009 No Child Left Behind results, five Fayette County schools will offer families the option of moving their children to different schools that did make Adequate Yearly Progress. In cases where we were able to anticipate this possibility, parents were notified of their options during the summer.

Very soon, letters will be mailed to every parent of a child currently enrolled at Russell Cave Elementary informing them of their choices and the procedures for applying to switch schools. Parents at schools where afterschool tutoring is now available will also receive those details soon.

School bus transportation may be available to students from designated pick up points within the regular attendance area. Transportation will be offered to low income children with low test scores first; available funding determines how many other students can get bus transportation. Students who leave a school considered "in need of improvement" will be allowed to continue through the highest grade at the school they choose unless they move from the attendance area of the school identified for improvement. But bus transportation will only be provided until their original school is no longer identified for improvement.