

Dawn F. Mirand Superintendent of Schools

August 18, 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District is committed to providing a high-quality educational agenda for your child. We are working hard to provide programs to help all students succeed in our school district.

Recently, New York State was awarded a waiver from the Federal Government No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) Guidelines which allowed the State to receive increased Federal Funds for the 2014-15 school year. Along with the increased funds comes a heightened scrutiny of school district data. Based upon student academic performance during the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years, the State Education Department designated Ken-Ton as a Focus School District, and Kenmore East and Kenmore West High Schools as Focus Schools.

Based on the above information, and according to NCLB Act regulations, the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda School District is obligated to offer *Public School* choice. However, because both district high schools have been designated as *Focus Schools*, there is not a high school within the district to which your child could transfer.

Our district's 2013 report card and the most recent AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) status report for your school show how your child's school compares to other schools in our district and state. These reports will be available on our website, at your child's school, and at the school district office.

The District and the State Board of Education are working with your child's school to help improve the academic standards of both high schools. This is being accomplished by providing assistance to the students and teachers, and through various district initiatives.

Please call Robin Zymroz, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Student Services, if you have any questions regarding the above notification at (716) 874-8400, ext. 5333, or your child's principal.

Sincerely.

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