Title I, Part A Public School Choice Notice

In November, 2011, the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) submitted to the U. S. Department of Education (US ED) an application requesting flexibility through waivers of ten Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) requirements and their associated, regulatory, administrative and reporting requirements. One of the ten requested waivers directly affected Public School Choice (Choice). Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year those Title I schools that were required to offer Public School Choice (Choice) due to a NCLB school improvement status, the waiver allows those Title I schools to no longer be required to offer Choice under ESEA but rather follow Georgia’s Intradistrict Transfer option. Georgia’s Intradistrict Transfer (O.C.G.A. §20-2-2130, O.C.G.A. §20-2-2131) option allows parents of students enrolled in a public elementary or secondary school in Georgia to elect to enroll their student in a public school that is located within the school district in which the student resides other than the one to which the student has been assigned by the local board of education if such school has classroom space available after its assigned students have been enrolled. The parent shall assume the responsibility and cost of transportation of the student to and from the school.

All schools in the Screven County School System are Title I schools. Since there is only one elementary, one middle, and one high school in the district, Screven County Schools cannot offer school choice as outlined under Georgia’s Intradistrict Transfer (O.C.G.A. §20-2-2130, O.C.G.A. §2).