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Dear Parents:

As you know, Mainland Regional High School is 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 what is taught in our classrooms. While holding high expectations is not new, the way our school and student achievement is measured and reported is now different under the federal law known as *No Child Left Behind (NCLB)*.

No Child Left Behind, was signed into law on January 8, 2002, and represents the federal government's largest expansion and involvement in K-12 education. Two of the most prominent and highly publicized components for this new federal legislation include provisions of limited "school choice" and "supplemental educational services" for students attending schools that have been identified as needing improvement. Improvement status is determined by adequate yearly progress (AYP), which is based primarily on the results of the New Jersey state assessments given to students in grades 4, 8, and 11. Schools that do not make adequate yearly progress for two or more years in a row in the same content area are designated as "schools in need of improvement," and students are supposed to have an option of attending another school that has met AYP. Our school fits into this "school choice" status due to the results of Mathematics, specifically with the special education and economically disadvantaged subgroups.

Because school choice is not an option in our school district, certain students may receive tutoring or supplemental educational services. These services are over and above those ordinarily provided in the regular classroom during the regular school day. Parents of students who are eligible for supplemental educational services will be contacted by the school via separate letter.

We want to continue serving your child, and we will continue to use all of the resources available to help our students at Mainland Regional High School achieve success.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Blake
Principal