Notice of Public School Choice for Community Schools

August 2, 2011

RE: No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, Section 1116

Dear Parent/Guardian:

To comply with the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, we are giving you timely notice that *Focus Learning Academy of Southwest Columbus* has been identified as being in School Improvement (SI) - (yr. 4). School Improvement means the school did not meet Ohio's goals in reading, mathematics or attendance for two consecutive years or more.

Focus Learning Academy of Southwest Columbus has been identified as in School Improvement status based on its performance outlined in the enclosed Local Report Card.

Our Local Report Card (http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/) card shows how our school compares to other similar schools. Following the federal guidelines regarding the school's status, we are notifying you that you have the following options:

1. You may continue to have your child attend the same community school.

2. Students may return to their home public school. No Public School Choice transportation is required to be offered for this option.

3. Students may be eligible to attend public schools within their district of residence These schools are not in School Improvement status and have entered into an agreement to accept students. Free transportation will be offered for your child. Public School Choice may be limited due to insufficient resources. See the attachment for information about these schools' staff qualifications, special programs and facilities.

4. As an alternative to Public School Choice, parents of students may request Supplemental Educational Services (free tutoring) from the state approved provider list located at http://dnet01.ode.state.oh.us/ses/ProviderLookup.aspx . You will be receiving a packet the first few weeks of school further explaining the SES option.

If you are interested, circle your selection above and **send this request** to Kerry Hill, 190 Southwood Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43207.

Your request must include:

• **Date of your request** _____ _____

• **Your child's full name** ___ _____

• **Home address and ZIP** ____ _____

• **Home telephone number (___)**_____

• **Work number (if applicable)** _____

• **Your child's current grade in school** _____

• **Your signature _____**

To move our school out of School Improvement status, we have looked at our data and developed a plan to help us achieve higher levels of student performance. Our plan includes *retention strategies for improved attendance, formative assessments to improve teaching strategies, OGT preparation enhancements and standardized curriculum.* We welcome your participation in our academic school improvement efforts. If you would like more information on how you can help us improve our school, please contact us at 614-545-2000.

Sincerely,

Kerry Hill

Principal