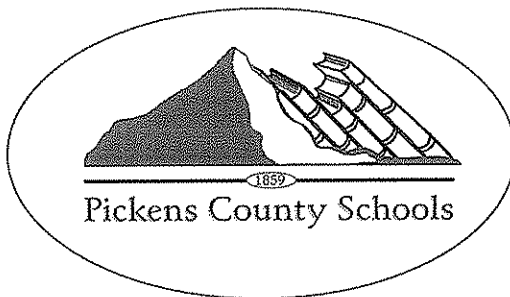


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DATE: June 30, 2009

RE: House Bill 251 (2009)
Public School Choice for 2009-2010

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As the parent or guardian of a student currently enrolled in our school district, we are writing to notify you that under a new state law you may request to transfer your child to another public school in the Pickens County School District for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year.

Parent Responsibilities

As a parent or guardian, you can request to have your child transferred to another public school within your school district of residence as long as the school district has determined that there is available classroom space at the school after all assigned students have been enrolled. Please keep in mind that if you choose to transfer your child to another school in the district, the law requires you to assume all costs and responsibilities related to the transportation of your child to and from the school as long as your child remains at that school.

For your convenience, the district's list of schools with available classroom space for the upcoming school year is attached. In order to process your request, you will need to complete and submit the attached "Transfer Request Form." Requests for transfers for the 2009-2010 school year can be turned in at the Pickens County Board of Education office at 159 Stegall Drive in Jasper by 4:00 p.m. July 17 or postmarked by July 14.

Transfer requests will be reviewed and approved or denied on the basis of a lottery in the event a particular school has available space and the number of transfer requests exceeds the remaining available capacity. Once available classroom space is reached at a school, no more transfers will be accepted at that school. Since it is possible that you may not receive your first choice, you may indicate more than one choice on the enclosed Transfer Request Form.

If you have questions regarding this, please contact Tommy Qualls at Pickens County Schools, tommyqualls@pickens.k12.ga.us, or 706-253-1700.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Michael L. Ballew'.

Michael L. Ballew
Superintendent

