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Dear Parent:

As a result of the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*, your child may have the option to transfer to another school because East Peoria Community High School has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) on the State tests for at least three years.

Your child's school is under restructuring which means the school has failed to make adequate yearly progress for 6 years. Our district's 2010 report card and the most recent AYP status report for our school (available in the Main Office and on the District website, www.ep309.org) show how your child's school compares to other schools in our state. Your child's school has been identified because neither the school as a whole nor the white and low socio-economic subgroups met the State requirements in Mathematics and reading. The school is working to improve the school's academic program by continuing our freshman academy, articulating curriculum with the feeder districts, and providing in-service training programs to improve teacher effectiveness in the classroom.

The District and the State Board of Education are working with your child's school to help improve the academic standards of the school. This is being accomplished by providing technical assistance to the teachers and administrators within your child's school.

However, this may not be enough and we want to request your help as the school addresses its academic problems. The school would like to invite parents to serve on the committee that will need to develop a school improvement plan. We would also like to involve parents in addressing the academic issues that caused the school to be identified for school improvement.

As a parent, you have the option to transfer your child to another public school within the district with transportation provided by the district. However, District 309 has only one high school and an in-district transfer is not possible. District 309 has contacted neighboring school districts to determine whether they would enter into a choice school agreement with District 309. No neighboring district has agreed to offer school choice to District 309 students. Therefore, no 'choice' options are available to District 309 parents.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this information.

Thank you,

Chuck Nagel
Superintendent