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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

Whiteville Elementary School has been identified by the Tennessee Department of Education as a “High Priority” school in School Improvement I. This means that students have not met state and federal goals in reading/language arts and math for African American, economically disadvantaged, and students with disabilities. Results of spring test scores indicate that four of the district’s nine elementary, middle or high schools met state and federal goals. Thirty percent of the state’s elementary and middle school students scored proficient to advanced in math and 44.5% scored proficient to advanced in reading. At the high school level, 56.7% of the state’s students scored proficient to advanced in mathematics (Algebra I) and 39.4% scored proficient to advanced in reading (English II). The state’s graduation rate is 86.1%.

Because Whiteville Elementary is a Title I high priority school, your child is eligible to transfer to another public school in the district. You may choose to transfer your child to one of the following schools:

<i>Choice School</i>	<i>% of Students Proficient & Advanced in Math in 2011-2012 (Target 40%)</i>	<i>% of Students Proficient & Advanced in Reading in 2011-2012 (Target 49%)</i>	<i>Attendance Rate in 2011-2012 (Target 93%)</i>
Hornsby Elementary	56%	66%	met
Toone Elementary	40%	53%	met

If you choose to transfer your child, please be aware of the following:

- The district will provide or pay for transportation to and from your child’s Choice School as long as the Whiteville Elementary is a high priority school identified for improvement. If the Whiteville Elementary meets achievement goals for two straight years, it will no longer be a high priority school.
- Your child will be allowed to remain at the new school until he/she completes the highest grade.
- If funds are not available for all students to be transported, priority for transportation will be given to lowest achieving students from low-income families.
- If requests for a Choice School exceed that school’s capacity, priority for first choice will be given to lowest achieving students from low-income families.
- **This opportunity to transfer may be approved, provided such transfers are not in violation of the Federal Court Order of United States of America, et al. V. Hardeman County Board of Education, et al. Civil Action No. 1926, which restricts certain transfers and sets enrollment caps for certain schools.**

“Preparing for the Future, One Child at a Time”

Our school is working hard with the state and district to increase student achievement in math and reading by providing the following:

- Common planning time for teachers that allows for daily team meetings/collaboration
- Daily small group instruction which allows for one-on-one teaching students in the areas of greatest need
- Professional development opportunities for teachers to address differentiated instruction in reading/language arts and mathematics
- After-school enrichment for above-grade level students and tutoring for at- & below grade-level students
- Daily computerized reading and math intervention

We encourage you to help by:

- Attending district parent-teacher conferences
- Participating in activities at your child's school
- Reviewing and discussing STAR reading and math progress reports with your child
- Assisting your child with homework and class activities
- Encouraging your child to read at home

If you would like for your child to transfer, you must complete the attached form. Return it no later than Friday, August 19, 2011, by USPS or fax to (731) 658-2061 to Hardeman County Board of Education, Attention: Darrell Wooden. The Office of Federal Programs of the district will notify you by USPS to provide transportation information and the date your child may start attending the Choice School. Please contact Darrell Wooden at (731) 658-2510 if you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,



Donald L. Hopper, Ph.D.
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Enclosure: School Choice Request Form

School Choice Request Form
(2011-2012)

Please return by fax at (731) 658-2061 or mail to Darrell Wooden at the Hardeman County Board of Education – 10815 Old Highway 64, Bolivar, TN 38008 no later than Friday, August 19, 2011.

Student's Name _____

Student's Home Address _____

School Attending Now _____

I would like to take advantage of the Public School Choice option for my child.

Select a first and second choice from schools named in the letter. If you have only one preference, list only one school.

1st Choice: _____ *(Insert name of school.)*

2nd Choice: _____ *(Insert name of school.)*

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Remember: The Hardeman County Board of Education will notify you when the choice option will take effect and when your child may start attending the Choice School. Please contact the Darrell Wooden at (731) 658-2510 if you have questions or need additional information.