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### SCHOOL CHOICE INFORMATION

July 28, 2011

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

The *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB) requires schools to meet adequate yearly progress (AYP) goals each year in reading/language arts and mathematics. Schools that do not make AYP for two or more consecutive years in the same subject area (in a specific subgroup) are identified as being in School Improvement. Page County Middle School is in Year 1 of Title I School Improvement. In this regard, PCMS failed to make AYP in English: Reading and Mathematics for two consecutive years (start of 2010/2011 and the start of 2011/2012). Therefore, Page County Middle School is required to offer Public School Choice. Accurate VDOE report cards for our elementary schools are not yet available but PCMS's *Preliminary* AYP data is as follows:

- AYP Status 2010-2011 (based on 2009/2010 data) - did not make AYP in Mathematics and English: Reading
- AYP Status 2011-2012 (based on 2010/2011 data) - did not make AYP in Mathematics and English: Reading
- Current Title-I Status: Title-I - Schoolwide Program, Current AYP Improvement Status:
  - Subject Area – Mathematics
  - Year – Year 1 of School Improvement
  - Action Required – Public School Choice

- Subject Area – English: Reading
- Year – Year 1 of School Improvement
- Action Required – Public School Choice

Page County Middle School must meet AYP goals for two consecutive years in Mathematics and English: Reading in order to move out of Title I School Improvement. PCMS is currently working to improve the school's academic performance by increasing instructional time in mathematics and reading, benchmark testing three times per year and progress monitoring student performance. Additionally, the Virginia Department of Education and the school division are working with your child's school to improve the academic performance of Page County Middle School. Parents are, and have been, encouraged to participate in improving the school's academic achievement by attending the mathematic and literacy nights and accessing web-based material via the school's website.

Under NCLB, all students enrolled in Title I schools that are in School Improvement have the opportunity to enroll in a school not designated for School Improvement. This transfer option is known as Public School Choice. Therefore, for the 2011/2012 school year, your child may remain at Page County Middle School or transfer to Luray Middle School (*preliminary*-Warning for English: Reading and Mathematics) in Luray, VA which is approximately 16 miles from Page County Middle School.

If you choose to exercise the Public School Choice option, please complete and return to me by August 12, 2011 (at the address identified above) a "Public School Choice Transfer Request Form" which is enclosed with this letter for *each* child you are requesting a transfer for. The school division will respond to your request by August 22, 2011 with written notice regarding your child's school assignment and transportation availability. If your request is granted, your child's transportation to the new school will be provided by the school division. Your child may remain at the new school even after Page County Middle School moves out of School Improvement. However, transportation will only be provided by the school system while Page County Middle School carries the School Improvement designation. If the request for transfers exceeds available funding, priority must be given to the lowest-achieving students from low-income families.

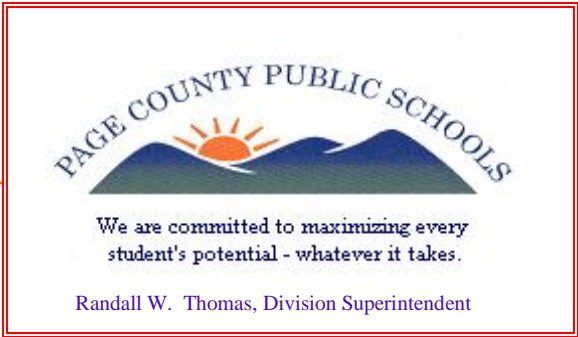
Please do not hesitate in contacting me if you have any questions at all about Public School Choice.

Sincerely,

John R. Van Wyck, M.S.  
Director of Student Services & Title-I

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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

If you wish to have your child remain at his/her current school, no response is necessary. Submitting this form indicates your preference to have your child enrolled in another school. Complete a separate form for each child. Please return the form to John R. Van Wyck at the address listed above by **8/12/11**. Transfer requests will be filled according to the priority established under the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* and may not be filled due to funding limitations and/or other circumstances. If you need additional information regarding public school choice, contact Mr. Van Wyck at (540)843-2822. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU WRITE YOUR FULL ADDRESS IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW.**

Schools available for Public School Choice:

1. Luray Middle School (*Preliminary-Warning for English: Reading and Mathematics*) – approx. 16 miles from Page County Middle School.

I request that my child, \_\_\_\_\_, be considered for transfer from Page County Middle School  
*(full name of child)*

to the following school: Luray Middle School for the 2011/2012 school year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Name (please print)      Parent/Guardian Signature      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number (home)      Phone Number (work)      Phone Number (cell)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Address      City      Zip code

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