

BUFFALO PARENTS' RIGHTS UNDER THE *NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND* ACT

PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE TRANSFER OPTIONS

The federal *No Child Left Behind* Act empowers Buffalo parents to transfer their children attending any of 33 public schools designated as “failing” by the state (see Attachment A) to non-failing public schools. Parents seeking to transfer their children from a failing district school to a non-failing public school may call:

Buffalo Public Schools Pupil Personnel Services Office – (716) 851-3547

TUTORING AND OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The Buffalo school district also is required to offer after-school tutoring and other services *free of charge* to low-income students attending many failing public schools. Parents seeking such services may call:

Buffalo Public Schools Office of Federal Programs – (716) 851-3561

As of September 2003, the State Education Department has approved 41 tutoring services, most of which are prepared to offer services immediately (see Attachment C).

Additional information about service providers in Buffalo may be available from the Brighter Choice Public School Choice Project at **(716) 892-8515** or **info@brighterchoiceproject.org**.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFER OPTIONS

The federal *No Child Left Behind* Act also encourages the Buffalo school district to arrange for students to transfer to non-failing public schools outside of the district if there are capacity issues or other restrictions at district schools. Parents seeking such transfers for their may call:

Buffalo Public Schools Pupil Personnel Services Office – (716) 851-3547

PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS?

Buffalo Public Schools Superintendent Marion Cañedo may be reached at **(716) 851-3771**. Members of the Buffalo Board of Education may be reached at **(716) 851-3937**.

The independent Brighter Choice Public School Choice Project also is available to answer questions and provide additional information, and may be reached at **(716) 892-8515** or **info@brighterchoiceproject.org**.