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Dear Parent,

Your child is zoned for Elbert Elementary, which receives federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Last year, your child's school did not meet these standards. If your child's school does not make AYP for 2008-2009, it will again be identified as a *School in Need of Improvement* under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law. This designation alone does not indicate a failing school, but provides a focus on areas for school improvement by principals, teachers, and parents.

If Elbert Elementary meets the AYP standards for 2008-2009 your option will be Supplemental Educational Services (free tutoring). If your child is eligible for free or reduced-priced lunch, you may apply to receive free tutoring. We will send you additional information about free tutoring during the summer, along with a separate application.

If Elbert Elementary does not meet the AYP standards for 2008-2009 your options are:

- To have your child remain at Elbert Elementary.
- If your child is eligible for free or reduced-priced lunch, you may choose for your child to remain at the current school and apply to receive free tutoring "Supplemental Educational Services".
- You may choose to apply to transfer your child to one of the schools listed below. If demand for transportation exceeds available funds, by law, placement and transportation will be prioritized to the lowest achieving low-income students.

If you want to apply to transfer your child to another public school, your school options are as follows:

Lake Shipp El.	07/08 School Grade B	Met 100 % of AYP standards
Garden Grove El.	07/08 School Grade B	Met 92 % of AYP standards
Elbert Elementary	07/08 School Grade B	Met 95 % of AYP standards

For more information about your child's school or other schools in the district, please contact the principal of the school or visit the Florida Department of Education's website at <http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org>.

It's up to you!

If you want your child to remain at Elbert Elementary, you do not need to complete this application or do anything further.

If you want your child to go to another school, please complete the attached application and return it to Title I Programs, P.O. Box 391, Bartow, FL 33831 by May 6, 2009. If you have questions or need help with this application, please contact the Title I Office at 863-534-0646.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Ashley
Director, Federal Programs