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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 is a federal law to improve education for all children. It holds schools responsible for results, gives parents greater choices, and promotes teaching methods that work. The Roosevelt Union Free School District is committed to helping all schools reach high standards for student achievement and giving every child in every school a quality education. We are making progress, but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done for all our children.

As of January 2007, the New York State Education Department has identified schools in NY that are in need of improvement as required under federal NCLB rules. ***Roosevelt High School and Roosevelt Middle School have been identified as Priority Schools.***

Every effort is being made to provide the highest quality instructional program to best meet the needs of your child. We are confident that several of the interventions and exciting new programs that have been introduced will make this school year a successful experience for your child. Some of the interventions and programs that are being implemented are:

- Extended professional development opportunities for all teachers which will focus on new strategies to help struggling high school students;
- Literacy and mathematics coaches in our schools who will work with teachers everyday to improve the quality of their teaching;
- After-school school based tutorials to address regents preparation;
- Career Plans to assist high school students with applying classroom learning to possible career exploration;
- Continued recruitment of highly-qualified and certified teachers to staff our classrooms;
- More classroom time devoted to reading and math skills;
- Strategies to increase daily attendance; and
- Expanded parental involvement programs with the hiring of a full time District Parent Community Liaison.

We ask that you support your child by making sure that she/he comes to school every day on time. Make sure that all homework assignments and school projects are completed on time. We also invite you to participate in all school activities. Stay in close contact with your child's school principals and teachers to monitor your child's academic progress. Tell teachers you want to hear from them as soon as problems occur so you can work together to find solutions. We also encourage you to become active in the school's Parents' Association and School Leadership Team.

Under the No Child Left Behind Act, schools identified for improvement are required to provide students the option to request a transfer to another public school ***within the district*** that is not identified as needing improvement. Federal law requires that these schools give priority to the lowest achieving students from low-income families when making transfer offers. Roosevelt Union Free School District is unable to provide parents with the ***Public Choice Option***, being that there is only (1) middle and (1) high school for choice selections.

If you would like information on how your school compares academically to other schools in the district, you can request a printed copy of the school's report card from your principal or the District Parent Community Liaison. All school report cards can also be viewed online on the NYSED website at <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/irts/reportcard/>

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We are looking forward to a successful year for all of our students and school communities. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your Principal, the District Parent Liaison at (516) 345-7040.

Thank You,

Principal