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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Zion Elementary District 6 is committed to providing a high-quality education for your child. We are working hard to provide programs to help our students succeed in our school district. All students are screened three times a year to ensure that they are able to meet grade level/state standards for learning. Students that fall below this standard are referred for intervention services in the areas needed. Further, the district and the State Board of Education are working with your child's school to help improve the academic standards of the school. This is being accomplished by providing technical assistance to the teachers and administrators within your child's school. We need your assistance at home as well. This includes developing and maintaining a study time for your child at home, following up with all school assignments, and active participation in the parent organization as well as school-based programs and events.

Your child attends West Elementary School which receives federal Title I funds. These funds provide help for your child to meet state achievement standards. Despite strong improvement this year by every subgroup of students, the school did not meet the adequate yearly progress (AYP) target of 85% of all students meeting or exceeding state standards. As a result, the school is in corrective action which means the school has failed to make adequate yearly progress for 4 years in the same subject. In addition to offering public school choice and supplemental educational services, at least one of the following actions will be implemented: replace school staff relevant to adequate yearly progress; institute and fully implement a new curriculum, with appropriate professional development for all relevant staff; significantly decrease management authority at the school level; appoint an outside expert to advise the school on its progress toward making adequately yearly progress, based on its school plan; extend the school year or school day; or restructure the internal organizational structure of the schools.

Our district's 2012 report card and the most recent AYP status report for your school show how your child's school compares to other schools in our district and state. These reports will be available on our Web site, at your child's school, and at the school district office as soon as they are available from the State.

You may make a decision about your option for public school choice by choosing one of the following for your child.

- Remain at West Elementary School. The school is in the process of setting additional goals and plans to address student needs in the coming year.
- Transfer to the qualifying elementary school within the district: Beulah Park Elementary. Transportation will be provided by the district if the new school is more than 1.5 miles from your home. If demand for transportation exceeds funds available, priority will be given to the lowest-achieving students from low-income families. Title I services are also provided at these schools as well.

To apply for transfer your child to one of the schools listed above, you must complete the Student Transfer Form enclosed and return it to the District 6 curriculum office during the enrollment period. *This will be your only enrollment opportunity for the upcoming 2012-13 school year.* If you have questions or need assistance with this application, please contact Dr. Kris Raitzer, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction at Zion School District #6. Thank you for your continued interest in your child's education.

Sincerely,

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SCHOOL TRANSFER REQUEST

The following school is eligible for student transfer:

- Beulah Park Elementary School

Parents may access academic and other information about this school on the district website at www.zion6.org. Final decision and placement will be made by the district office based on space availability and other related needs. School assignment notifications will be made no later than August 27, 2012. Please complete and return the form below to the district office at 2200 Bethesda Blvd, Zion, IL 60099 **NO LATER THAN August 20.**

CHILD'S NAME _____ CHILD'S GRADE (Fall 2012) _____

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PARENT NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Under the rules of NCLB, I would like for my child/children to be considered for transfer to the following school(s). I understand that the district will make a placement and will provide transportation to school of choice as long as West School is in improvement status AND if my child's new school is more than 1.5 miles from my home address. Once status is removed, I understand that my child can continue his/her education at his/her new school, but the district is no longer required to provide transportation.

I accept the terms of this transfer.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____