January 31, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In 1995, the Texas Legislature created the Public Education Grant (PEG) Program. The program permits parents whose children attend schools on the PEG list to request that their children transfer to schools in another district or their own district that are not on the PEG list.

Our records indicate that your child currently attends Sidney Poynter Elementary School. Sidney Poynter Elementary School has been identified as a PEG campus because it was ranked “Improvement Required” in 2018 because the “Student Achievement” score was 59 while the required score was 60, and the “Student Progress” score was 59 while the required score was 60.

Under the leadership of Crowley ISD’s new superintendent, Dr. Michael McFarland, the district is undergoing a transformation. A district-wide curriculum audit identified recommendations that are being implemented through the District Improvement Plan. New initiatives, such as expanded early childhood education and new grade level configurations in our schools, are critical components in making Crowley the best district in the region, state and nation. Student achievement is the top priority of the district and positive academic changes are underway.

Because Sidney Poynter Elementary School was identified as “Improvement Required” in 2018, you have the right to request to transfer your child to Bess Race Elementary, Sycamore Elementary, Deer Creek Elementary, Jackie Carden Elementary, Oakmont Elementary, Dallas Park Elementary, Sue Crouch Elementary, S.H. Crowley Elementary or Mary Harris Elementary during the 2019 – 2020 school year. If you choose this option, you have the following responsibilities:

- It is your responsibility to request the transfer in writing.
- It is your responsibility to provide transportation to the school of choice. According to TEC 29.203 (f): “The school district in which a student resides shall provide each student attending a school in another district under this subchapter transportation free of charge to and from the school the student would otherwise attend.” The phrase, “to and from the school the student would otherwise attend” is defined by the state as meaning, “that the district is not required to provide transportation beyond what it would normally provide – to and from the students’ homes and their regularly assigned schools”.

The eligibility for transfer expires upon any of the following conditions:
- Completion of all grades on the campus upon which eligibility was originally based;
- Removal of the campus from the PEG list; or
- Assignment of the student to a campus that is not on the PEG list as a result of redrawn attendance boundaries or the student moves into a different attendance area.

In order to obtain additional information on this school choice option, please contact Vivian Gonzalez in the Curriculum and Instruction Office at 817-297-5800.

Sincerely,

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Director of Accountability