

**SCHOOL CHOICE SAMPLE LETTER
FOR VICTIMS OF A VIOLENT CRIMINAL OFFENSE**

Dear Parent,

Because your child has recently been the victim of a violent criminal offense while under the jurisdiction of our school system as defined by State Board of Education Rule (160-4-8-.16 Unsafe School Choice Option), the system is required to offer you the opportunity, within 10 days of the alleged crime, to transfer your child to another school within our district, depending upon certain criteria.

OPTION 1 (when school is available):

The offer of transfer must be to a school that is not on the Persistently Dangerous Schools list and is not under AYP sanctions. It is our desire to do everything in our power to ensure that your child is given a safe learning environment. To that end, the following are the schools within your area to which your child may transfer: (list schools) We ask that you consider this option carefully and realize that you and your child may decide that it is in his/her best interest to stay in his/her current school since the alleged perpetrator of the violent act is being adjudicated through the legal system.

SubOPTION 1a We are in the position to utilize federal funds to provide transportation for your child, should you choose the transfer option.

OR

SubOPTION 1b Transportation to the new school must be handled by you as there are currently no federal funds available to provide transportation for your child.

Please let me know in writing by _____ your wishes regarding this transfer option.

OR

OPTION 2 (when no school is available)

The offer of transfer must be to a school that is not on the Persistently Dangerous Schools list and is not under AYP sanctions and must be within our school system. However, we have no other school in the district that meets these qualifications and therefore, school choice is not an option. However, because it is our desire to do everything in our power to ensure that your child is given a safe learning environment, we are developing a Student Support Team (SST) to help assure that your child's learning environment will not be negatively impacted.

Please contact me directly if I may provide additional information.