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UNSAFE SCHOOL CHOICE OPTION

The District will implement an unsafe-school choice option in accordance with the requirements of State law and Section 9532 of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (“ESEA”), as follows.

Persistently Dangerous Schools

If a District 93 school is identified as a persistently dangerous school, as defined in Section 10-21.3a of the Illinois *School Code* (105 ILCS 5/10-21.3a), the District will provide all students enrolled in the school with the option to transfer to another grade-appropriate District 93 school (if any) which meets the criteria set forth below. The transfer option will be offered at least fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the school year which begins after the identification occurs.

Victims of Violent Crime

Any student who is a victim of a violent crime (as defined in Section 3 of the Rights of Crime Victims and Witnesses Act) which occurs on school grounds during regular school hours or during a school-sponsored event, will be offered the option to transfer to another grade-appropriate District 93 school (if any) which meets the criteria set forth below. The transfer option will be offered within fourteen (14) days after it is determined that the student was a victim of a violent crime which occurred on school grounds during regular school hours or during a school-sponsored event.

Schools to Which Transfers Will Be Offered

In providing school choice options pursuant to this policy, the District will offer transfers to safe schools that are making adequate yearly progress and that are not identified for school improvement, corrective action or restructuring under ESEA Section 1116.

Notice to Parents

If a District 93 school is identified as a persistently dangerous school, the District will provide the following information, in writing, to the parents of each student enrolled in the school:

- 1) Notice that the State has identified the school as persistently dangerous; and
- 2) An explanation of the school choice option (if any), including information regarding the manner in which school choice may be elected.

Transfer Request Deadline

Any request to transfer in accordance with this policy must be made within seven (7) days after the parent or guardian receives notice of the right to transfer.

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Guidelines for Transferring Students

Any student who has transferred to another District 93 school in accordance with this policy will be permitted to remain in that school for at least as long as the student's original school is identified as persistently dangerous, or until he or she no longer resides in the District.

LEGAL REF.: Illinois *School Code* Section 10-21.3a (105 ILCS 5/10-21.3a); Section 9532 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (20 U.S.C.A. §7912); Notice of Final Deadlines, Federal Register, Vol. 68, No. 115, Pg. 35671 (June 16, 2003)

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