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The mission of Lake Wales Charter Schools, Inc. is to bring the best of public education to our community by providing innovation and choice within a continuous pre-school through postsecondary curriculum so that each child recognizes the benefits of life-long learning, constructive citizenship and personal happiness.

The Lake Wales Charter Schools, Inc. is an equal opportunity institution for education and employment.

Dear Parent,

Your child attends **Hillcrest Elementary**, which receives federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. Your child's school has not met these standards in **reading for two** consecutive years. This school has been identified as a school in **(need of improvement/corrective action/planning for restructuring/restructuring)**. As a result, the school district must offer choice options including the option to transfer to another public school or participate in free tutoring, if eligible.

Compared to other schools in the school district, your child's school is performing **better** in **math**. The table below shows the percent of proficient students in our school compared to other schools in the school district and state.

% of Students Scoring Level 3 (Proficient) or Higher on FCAT			
SUBJECT	SCHOOL	LEA	STATE
Reading	61%	65%	62%
Mathematics	73%	74%	68%

What are we doing about it?

Lake Wales Charter School District is providing the following assistance and support to help the students at your child's school improve their academic achievement:

- Providing additional staff development and trainings for teachers;
- Implementing a high quality curriculum and effective tutoring for all students;

Hillcrest Elementary School is providing the following assistance and support to help the students at your child's school improve their academic achievement:

- Providing regular communication to parents regarding your child's skill level;
- Offering an after-school tutoring program;
- Offer Moses Majors

What can you do?

You are very important to your child's education. We invite you to become more involved in your child's school by:

- Participating in parent involvement activities;
- Becoming active in the development of the school improvement plan;
- Meet with your child's teacher to monitor your student's progress throughout the year.

What are your Choice options?

Under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, reauthorized as No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, when a school has been identified as a school in need of improvement, parents have the following options for the **2011-2012** school year:

- If your child is eligible for free or reduced-priced lunch, you may choose for your child to remain at the current school and receive free tutoring or Supplemental Educational Services. We will send you additional information about free tutoring in the near future.
- You may choose to transfer your child to one of the schools listed below with transportation provided by the school district. If demand for transportation exceeds available funds, transportation will be prioritized based on the lowest-achieving of the low-income students.
- You may choose to have your child remain at the current school.

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