

Council Rock School District
Waiver Approved for No Child Left Behind Flexibility

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As you may be aware, Pennsylvania's state education department requested flexibility for several requirements of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)*, as amended by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB)* through a flexibility waiver from the U.S. Department of Education (USED). The application for the flexibility waiver was developed by our state education department with input from parents, school districts, regional education service agencies, and college/university personnel as well as both business and community organizations.

The waiver provides our state with relief from certain federal *ESEA/NCLB* requirements in exchange for agreeing to put bold education reforms into practice for students that include:

- Setting performance targets based on whether students graduate from high school ready for college and career instead of having to meet ESEA/NCLB's 2014 deadline based on unreasonable targets for proficiency on statewide tests
- Designing locally-tailored solutions to help low-scoring students achieve
- Emphasizing student growth and progress using multiple measures rather than just test scores
- Increasing flexibility for determining how to use federal funds to benefit students

Under our state's approved flexibility request, school districts will no longer be required by federal law to offer Supplemental Education Services (e.g. tutoring) or School Choice. However, we will continue to provide free extended learning opportunities for eligible students. In addition, new flexibility in federal requirements allows us to implement locally developed programs that best meet the needs of our students.

If you have questions or concerns about these changes please contact _____ at _____.

You will be receiving more information about changes and new programs in the near future.

Sincerely,

Name

Title