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Notice of Opportunity Scholarships Please read: Important Information Affecting Your Child

Dear Northwest Area Parent or Guardian

We would like to make you aware of the choices available to you based on the results of your child's school on the 2014 Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) and or Keystone Exams. The PSSA and Keystones are annual exams given to Pennsylvania students at various grade levels to measure their academic progress.

The Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program was created pursuant to Act 85 of 2012. This program enables eligible students residing within the boundaries of low-achieving schools to apply for a scholarship to attend another public or non public school. A low achieving school is defined as a public elementary or secondary school ranking in the bottom 15% of their designation as elementary or secondary school based on the combined math and reading scores on the previous school year PSSA.

Northwest Area High School is on the list of the bottom 15% for performance on the combined Math and Reading tests on the 2014 PSSA and or Keystone exams.

Under the OSTCp program, Northwest Area high School must offer students the choice to transfer to another school district or no public school. Please know that the staff at the Northwest Area High School has a relationship with your child and wants to continue serving your child. However, if you feel your child will be better served in another school, you may request a transfer for your child to one of the schools participating in the OSTCP.

If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity for your child to attend another school, you must go to the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) website WWW.NEWPA.COM/XXX to review the list of scholarship organizations for the school districts and no public schools that are participating in this program. Additional information is available on our school district website and the Pa Department of Education website

[Http://www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/school_services_office/9153](http://www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/school_services_office/9153)

Sincerely
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