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

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

We would like to make you aware of the choices available to you based on the results of the Carbondale Area Jr-Sr High School 2021-2022 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 (OSTCP) was created pursuant to Act 85 of 2012 (72 P.S. § 1701-G.1, et seq) and amended by Act 86 of 2016 (24 P.S. § 2001-B, et seq). This program enables eligible students residing within the boundaries of low-achieving schools to apply for a scholarship to attend another public or nonpublic school. Carbondale Area Jr-Sr High School is on the list of low achieving schools for performance on the combined Math and Reading tests on the 2021-2022 PSSA and/or Keystone exams.

Under the OSTCP program, Carbondale Area Jr-Sr High School must offer students the choice to transfer to another school district or nonpublic school. Please know that the staff at Carbondale Area Jr-Sr 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 participate in this opportunity for your child to attend another school, you must go to the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) website:

[www.dced.pa.gov/programs/opportunity-scholarship-tax-credit-program-ostc/](http://www.dced.pa.gov/programs/opportunity-scholarship-tax-credit-program-ostc/)

You can review the list of scholarship organizations for the school districts and nonpublic schools that are participating in this program. DCED has information regarding the application process. Scholarships are contingent upon available funding.

Additional information is available on our school district website [www.carbondalearea.org](http://www.carbondalearea.org) and the PA Department of Education website <http://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Opportunity%20Scholarship%20Tax%20Credit%20Program/Pages/default.aspx#tab-1>

Sincerely,

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