

## Castle Statement Regarding Delaware 2006 Accountability Ratings -- August 2, 2006

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Delaware Congressman Mike Castle, co-author of No Child Left Behind, today released the following statement regarding the Delaware 2006 Accountability Ratings:

"More schools are reaching superior status, which means the Delaware is making progress towards closing the achievement gap. While there are, in fact, schools not making AYP it is important to remain focused on the fact that the students in these schools will be receiving some additional attention and assistance to help improve their scores. That is why AYP is so important -- we can single out the schools and students that need the most help and ensure they get it."