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Pottstown Schools – Building a Better Tomorrow

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Dear Pottstown Middle School Parent/Guardian,

Help your child succeed in school – sign up for free tutoring! As a result of the federal *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)*, your child can receive extra help in the areas of math, reading, science and language arts. You can receive this free tutoring because your child's school is in School Improvement II, Making Progress and your family meets the income limits under the law.

Your child's school has been identified for improvement because it has not made adequate yearly progress on state measures of academic achievement for at least two consecutive years. Our district's report card (enclosed with this letter) shows how your child's school compares to other schools in our district and state.

You may choose a free tutoring program that is best for your child. A list of approved tutoring providers is enclosed and will be posted on our website. These programs have been approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and will provide your child with tutoring that is coordinated with the curriculum taught in your child's school.

This free tutoring program is called Supplemental Educational Services (SES) and is a federal program defined by NCLB. To find out more about SES access the following website:
<http://www.pde.state.pa.us/nclb/cwp/view.asp?a=3&Q=82596>.

Questions for Families to Ask Providers:

When and where will the tutoring take place (i.e. at school or a community center)?

How often and for how many hours in total will your child be tutored?

What programs, by grade levels and subject areas, are available for your child?

What type of instruction will the tutor use (small group, one-on-one, or the computer)?

What are the tutors' qualifications?

Can the tutor help if your child has disabilities or is learning English?

Is transportation available to and from where the tutoring will take place?

What evidence do you have of the program's effectiveness?

How will progress be reported to parents and to the school?

How do I apply?

Please call Mr. Robert Giering, 610-970-6676 if you have any questions about these services.

Thank you.

Pottstown Middle School Principal
Mrs. Gail M. Cooper,

Enclosures: Approved Provider List