

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Help your child succeed in school – sign up for free tutoring! As a result of the federal *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*, your child could possibly receive extra help in the areas of math, reading, and language arts. This free tutoring is available because your child's school is in its second year or later of "school improvement," and your family meets the income limits under the law. There is a chance that the district will not be able to provide this service for all families, in which case students will be chosen to participate based on academic need.

Your child's school, Ider High School, has been identified for improvement because it has not made adequate yearly progress on state measures of academic achievement for at least three years. Our district's State Board of Education report card (enclosed with this letter) shows how your child's school compares to other schools in our district and state. Ider High School met 19 out of 19 goals. While meeting all academic goals is an accomplishment, the school must meet all goals for two consecutive years in order to remove the school improvement status. We will be sending you more information in a few weeks about how you can help us improve the school in these areas.

A list of approved tutoring programs in your area is enclosed. These programs have been approved by the State Department of Education and will provide your child with free tutoring that will be coordinated with what is being taught in school.

When deciding which tutoring program is best for your child, you may want to ask these questions:

- When and where will the tutoring take place (school, home, or 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 tutor's qualifications?
- Can the tutor help if your child has disabilities or is learning English?
- Is transportation available to and from the tutoring location?

Please call Jason Mayfield or Jo Poole at 256-638-6921 if you have any questions about these services. You also may join us to talk to the tutors on September 13, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the school library to help you decide which program is best for your child. The enclosed Provider Selection Form is due back to the school on October 3, 2011. You will receive a letter from DeKalb County Board of Education telling you when the free tutoring will start.

Thank you.

Jason Mayfield

Enclosures: Approved Provider List
Provider Selection Form
School Choice Notification Letter
State Department of Education School Report Card