

Charter School of Excellence

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Help your child succeed in school – sign up for free tutoring! As a result of the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*, your child can receive extra help in the areas of math, reading, and language arts. You can receive this tutoring because the Charter School of Excellence is in its first year of “Corrective Action.”

The Charter School of Excellence 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 school’s report card (enclosed) shows how the charter school compares to other schools in the state. The charter school has been listed because it did not meet the target performance threshold for graduation rates.

You may choose a free tutoring program that is best for your child. This tutoring program is called Supplemental Educational Services and is a federal program defined by *No Child Left Behind*. A list of approved tutoring programs in this area is enclosed. These programs have been approved by the State Department of Education and will provide your child with tutoring that is 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 (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 to your child?
- What type of instruction will the tutor use (small group, one-on-one, 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 where the tutoring will take place?

Please call the principal at the site (Hamilton Center, Leadership Center, or Maritime Center) where your child attends if you have any questions about these services. If you would like to select a tutor now, you can fill out the enclosed provider section form and mail it back to the school in the envelop we provide. Applications are due by September 11, 2009. You will receive a letter from the school telling you when the free tutoring will start.

Finally, if you do not wish to sign up for these services, you may also choose to transfer your child to another school in your district. The enclosed School Choice letter provides more information about school choice.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Oliver
Chief Educational Officer

Enclosures:
Approved Provider List
Provider Selection Form
School Choice Notification Letter
District Report Card