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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Under the No Child Left Behind Act, your child's school has been identified as not making adequate yearly progress (AYP) for at least two years. This status requires us to offer **Supplemental Educational Services (SES)** to eligible children. SES is free tutoring services that are provided beyond the school hours to assist your child in the subject area of your choice (reading, math or science).

These programs are offered free of charge and parents may choose the tutoring company (provider) that they think is best for their child. This tutoring will be paid for out of district Title 1 funds. You can request Supplemental Educational Services **if your child receives free or reduced lunch**. Transportation is not available unless the provider offers it.

Applications are due September 12, 2011. Tutoring should begin by October 15, 2011 for students placed during this first enrollment period. While every effort will be made to accommodate each request, federal law requires that priority for services be given to the lowest performing students, based on performance on statewide student assessments, **who receive free or reduced lunch**. For that reason, until the district receives all the responses from all interested parents, there is no guarantee that we will be able to provide SES to every child whose parent applies for those services. Students who we are unable to serve will be placed on a waiting list.

The District's second enrollment period is September 13, 2011 through November 18, 2011. Students on the waiting list and those from the second enrollment period will be prioritized and placed in January if funds are available. You will be notified by letter upon placement with the SES Provider.

A Provider Fair will be held on September 6, 2011 to give you an opportunity to meet the providers so you may choose the one who best serves your child's needs. The location and time of this fair is included in this packet.

If you are unable to attend the Provider Fair, you may read the information enclosed, fill out the application and return it to our office. If you need help completing the application or choosing a provider, please call your child's school or the Title 1 office and we will be happy to assist you.

You may return the Title I Supplemental Educational Services Application to any of the following locations by September 12, 2011:

- the designated table at the Provider Fair
- mail to: Title I Department  
Polk County School Board  
P.O. Box 391  
Bartow, FL 33831
- return to the office of your child's school

If you have any questions, please call the Title I Office, Cindy Stybel at 534-9242 or Donna Ray at 519-3602.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Ashley  
Director, Federal Programs