

January 4, 2012

### **Free Tutoring for Your Child!**

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*, your child can receive extra help in math, reading, and language arts. This is a chance for your child to use out of school time in a safe and productive way while receiving instruction specifically tailored to his/her learning needs.

On July 22, 2011, a letter was mailed to you to tell you that Bolivar Middle has been identified as a Title I high priority school in School Improvement I. A second letter was mailed on August 4, 2011, indicating that Bolivar Middle's status was changed to School Improvement II, and as a result, your child was eligible for Public School Choice and Supplemental Educational Services (SES). Since you did not choose to transfer your child under the Public School Choice option and your family meets the income limits under the law, you may now choose the SES free tutoring program that is provided outside of regular school hours. Please note that if more parents sign their children up for tutoring than we can serve, first choice will be given to the lowest-achieving students.

A list of approved tutoring programs in your area is enclosed along with a brief description of the services, qualifications, and demonstrated effectiveness of the providers. These programs have been approved by the Tennessee Department of Education and will provide your child with tutoring that should help 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, home, or community center)?
- What days of the week will my child be tutored?
- How many weeks will my child be tutored? (*A per student spending limit is set by the federal government. Your school can tell you the actual number of sessions your child will receive.*)
- 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?

Please call Darrell Wooden at (731) 658-2510 at the Hardeman County Board of Education if you have any questions about these services. You may also join us to talk to the tutors on Monday, January 9, 2012, from 4:30-6:00 P.M. in the gymnasium at Bolivar Middle School to help you decide which program is best for your child. If you would like to select a tutor now, you may fill out the enclosed provider selection form and mail it back to Darrell Wooden at the Hardeman County Board of Education, 10815 Old Highway 64, Bolivar, TN 38008 in the enclosed stamped envelope. Applications are due by Friday, January 20, 2012. You will receive notification from the Hardeman County Board of Education by Friday, February 10, 2012, telling you when the free tutoring will start.

Thank you,

*Donald L. Hopper, Ph.D.*  
*Director of Schools*

Enclosures: Approved Provider List  
Provider Selection Form

# PROVIDER SELECTION FORM (2011-2012)

PLEASE PRINT

Please return to Darrell Wooden on or before the deadline, Friday, January 20, 2012.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Check all boxes that apply:

My son/daughter **WILL** participate in the free tutoring sessions called the supplemental educational services program as it is described in the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*.

**(From the provided state-approved list, name a first and second choice.)**

I select \_\_\_\_\_ (first choice).  
(State-approved provider's name)

I select \_\_\_\_\_ (second choice).  
(State-approved provider's name)

**By signing,** I understand that if there are not enough funds to cover the free tutoring for all of the students who choose to participate, low income, low-achieving students will be given first priority.

I understand that the school district will enter into an agreement with the provider and that I will be notified of the time to meet with school personnel and provider to set achievement goals for my child.

I understand that the provider will regularly inform my child's teacher and me of his/her progress.

I understand that I need to notify the school if my child stops attending the tutoring sessions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed name of Parent/Guardian)

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(Daytime Telephone Number)

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(Evening Telephone Number)