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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Help your child succeed in school and sign up for free tutoring! If your child attends Diekman or Dirksen Middle School they may be eligible for System of Educational Support Services. As a result of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, your child can receive extra help in the area of math, reading, or language arts. You can receive this free tutoring because your child's school is in school improvement status meaning the school has not made adequately yearly progress on the Illinois Stanford Achievement Test (ISAT) two consecutive years in a row, and your family meets the income limits under the law.

You can choose a free tutoring program that is best for your child; you may want to consider these questions:

- When and where will the tutoring take place (at school, 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 where the tutoring will take place?

If more students request tutoring than can be served through available funding, priority will be given to low-performing students as determined by the district.

Please contact Mrs. Davis-Jones, Associate Superintendent at (708) 868-8300 if you have any questions about these services. Please join us to talk to SES tutors at our 2nd Annual SES Fair Hosted at Caroline Sibley School located at 1550 Sibley Boulevard in Calumet City on Saturday August 23, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. This will be a great way to help you determine which program is best for your child.

If you would like to select a tutor now, you can fill out the provider selection form during the SES Fair. You will receive correspondence from Mrs. Davis-Jones regarding final tutoring outcomes.

Thank you,

Shelly A. Davis-Jones
Associate Superintendent