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Dear Parent or Guardian,

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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.

These programs are offered free of charge and parents may choose the tutoring company 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.

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 parents applies for those services.

Applications for the first enrollment period are due September 10, 2009. Applications received after September 10, 2009 will be processed during the next enrollment period.

Provider Fairs will be held on September 1, 2009 to give you an opportunity to meet the providers who are offering services to your child's school. The locations and times of these fairs are included in this packet and you may attend the one that is the most convenient for you.

If you are unable to attend a 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 10, 2009:

- 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
- fax to the Title 1 Office at 863-534-7496

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

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*The Mission of Polk County Public Schools is to ensure rigorous, relevant learning experiences
that result in high achievement for our students.*