

Ann Visger K-5 Preparatory Academy

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Mr. Joseph Emery, Jr.
Principal

August 8, 2011

Re: Supplemental Educational Services

Dear Ann Visger K-5 Preparatory Academy Parents:

Help your child succeed in school! As a result of No Child Left Behind Act, your child may be able to receive extra help in the core academic subjects of mathematics, science, social studies, and reading/English. You can receive free tutoring because Ann Visger K-5 Preparatory Academy is identified for improvement.

Ann Visger K-5 Preparatory Academy is in Phase 3, and will need to focus on strengthening the achievement in the areas of reading and mathematics, as well as, the 95% proficiency rate for the subgroup – Special Education students.

The following key actions are underway to address the student achievement and parent involvement:

- *Teachers are developing RTI project based learning interventions to ensure mastery of non-negotiable power standards for grades K-5.*
- *Professional Development – Project Based Learning has been planned for the 2011-2012 school year for the entire teaching staff.*
- *Supplemental Educational Services are offered to students in grades 3-5.*
- *Extended Year Learning Opportunities (i.e., summer program).*
- *Students actively engaged.*
- *The district will be purchasing a new reading series.*
- *Aligning curriculum, teacher assignments, and assessments to standards.*
- *Students will take quarterly assessments. The data from the assessments will be used to adjust the curriculum, lesson plans, and instructional practices.*
- *Thinking Maps are being implemented throughout the school district as a common language in our learning communities for transferring thinking processes, integrating learning and for continuously assessing progress.*
- *Data teams have been established in each school to ensure the collection and analysis of data are used to drive instructional practices to increase student achievement and assess the needs of students, parents, and teachers.*

As a result of AYP not met, students will be provided the opportunity to receive free tutoring services. A list of the programs that have been approved by the Michigan Department of Education is included. The programs will provide tutoring that is coordinated with what is being taught in school. Each program is different. You will need to review the information for each program and decide which is best for your child.

Think about the answer to these questions to help you decide:

- When and where will the tutoring take place?
- How far is it? Please note that transportation to the tutor and to your home is not provided.
- How often the tutor will meet with your child and how long is each tutoring session?
- What programs, by grade level and subject areas, are provided by the tutor?
- What type of instruction is used (e.g., small group, one-on-one, or computer-based instruction)?
- What are the tutor's qualifications?
- Does this program seem to fit your child's needs?

The school district has invited tutors to meet with parents at our SES Open House which has been planned for Saturday, August 27, 2011 at Noon. The SES Open House will be held in the cafeteria at River Rouge High School.

Included in this letter is a Tutor Selection Form. When you are ready to select a tutor from the list, complete this form and return it to Kim Buckner, SES Coordinator, in the enclosed, self-addressed, stamped envelope. Your Tutor Selection Form is due by Friday, September 30, 2011 for your child to be eligible to participate. It is important that you select a first, second, and third choice of providers due to limited availability.

Students who demonstrate the greatest academic need will be offered services first. If your child is not selected to receive tutoring services, you will be notified by mail. If your child is selected to receive services, we will send a confirmation letter to you and the tutor you indicated on your Tutor Selection Form.

The No Child Left Behind Act also allows students to transfer to another school if it is in the Melvindale-North Allen Park School District or Lincoln Park School District. The School Choice letter was mailed to you on August 5, 2011.

If you have questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact Kim Buckner, SES Coordinator at (313) 297-9600, ext. 1608.

Sincerely,

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