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YOUR Student May Be Eligible for FREE Tutorial Services Offered Through the Illinois State Board of Education and Peoria Heights Grade School – TITLE I SES

Dear Title I Eligible Parent:

Title I tutorial services will be made available to ELIGIBLE students during the 2009-2010 school year. The goal is to provide supplemental education support (SES) to ELIGIBLE students who have demonstrated a need for assistance to master needed skills in Mathematics and Reading to achieve annual yearly progress (AYP) in state mandated ISAT testing.

Help your child succeed in school—sign up for free tutoring! As a result of the federal *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*, your child can receive extra help in the areas of math, reading, and language arts. You can receive this free tutoring because Peoria Heights Grade School is in its second year of school improvement (PHGS Special Education students have not made adequate yearly progress on state tests for at least three years). Your family may meet the income eligibility limits under the law, as well as the priority SES need established by Peoria Heights Grade School.

If your child qualifies, you will receive more detailed information soon about your child participating in a free tutoring program tailored to your child's need. Approved tutoring programs will be provided to ELIGIBLE PHGS students by the following tutoring service providers:

A+ Tutoring Services

Educational Enterprises Tutoring Services

These programs have been approved by the Illinois State Board of Education and will provide your child with tutoring that is coordinated with what is being taught in school. When deciding which tutoring program is best for your child, you may want to consider these factors:

- We will make every effort to provide tutoring at PHGS outside the normal school day, or it may be offered at another convenient location within the community
- How often and how many hours in total will your child be tutored will be based on individual student, testing indicated need.
- Tutoring in Reading Comprehension and Mathematics will be offered to eligible students.
- The tutor may use small group, one-on-one, or computer assisted instruction with your child.
- All tutors are certified teachers approved by the tutoring agency with the tutoring agency in turn approved by the Illinois State Board of Education.
- Tutors will make accommodations and provide services to meet individual student need and optimize academic success.
- Parents are responsible for any required transportation of students to and from tutoring sessions.

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 call Mr. Beltz at 686-8809 if you have any questions about these services. Eligible parents will soon be notified of a meeting date and time where a representative of the tutoring agencies will meet with you to answer your questions to help you decide which program is best for your child. After that meeting, you may select a tutoring service and the details of the start date, the location of services, and the frequency and duration of tutoring hours will be finalized.

These tutoring hours will be an important extension of learning opportunities offered to your child and will help your child achieve important gains and master skills that will promote success in the future in school. **Though services are optional with no requirement that any student participate, we at PHGS feel it CRITICAL that your student take advantage of this program and hope you support it with your student's participation.**

Respectfully,

Gene Beltz, Principal
Peoria Heights Grade School