

Peoria Heights Grade School

“School Choice” Status - 2009-2010

To: All Parents

From: Gene Beltz, Principal

Subject: School Choice Information for School Year 2009-2010

Date: August 4, 2009

Peoria Heights Grade School is in school improvement which means the school has failed to make adequate yearly progress for 2 consecutive years and is required to offer public school choice. However, our district has been approved to offer Supplemental Educational Services (SES) rather than Public School Choice this year. Families that qualify (meet the income guidelines for SES participation) will be notified that their children can participate in free after-school tutoring in reading, math, and/or science.

Peoria Heights Grade School failed to meet Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) in school years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 on ISAT testing, only in the sub category of Special Education students in Reading and Mathematics. All other grade levels and sub categories of students achieved AYP in those school years. As a result of not achieving AYP with Special Education students, our school is classified in the "School Improvement" status in school year 2009-2010.

We have applied for and received approval from the Illinois State Board of Education to implement Supplemental Educational Services (SES), that will provide free tutoring to eligible students in 2009-2010 to help them achieve AYP in future ISAT testing. The waiver permits us to delay offering School Choice for the current school year while SES is offered. **There will be no School Choice offering in the 2009-2010 school year for Peoria Heights Grade School.** School Choice may be pursued in school year 2010-2011 if our school does not achieve full AYP with 2009-2010 ISAT testing.

Parents of students eligible to receive SES tutoring services will be contacted soon to explain the SES options they may take advantage of. If you have any questions about school Choice or SES provided to Peoria Heights Grade School students in the 2009-2010 school year, please contact Mr. Gene Beltz, Principal, at 309-686-8809.

Respectfully,

Gene Beltz, Principal

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