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Walter Woodhouse  
Assistant Superintendent for Instruction  
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Because of *No Child Left Behind* funding, your child can receive extra help in English Language Arts. You are eligible for free tutoring from a state approved provider because Nyack Middle School is in its first year of *School Improvement*, and your family meets the income requirements under the law.

*School Improvement* means your school did not meet New York State's goals in English Language Arts for one subgroup of children two years in a row. Nyack Middle School has been identified for Improvement because Students with Disabilities have not made Adequate Yearly Progress on New York State's English Language Arts Assessment for the past two years.

Your school will address this area by offering professional development to teachers and researching new reform models on how to improve English Language Arts instruction for all students, specifically for Students with Disabilities. You are invited to join us, to serve on a committee, or to help us in other ways to accomplish this goal.

You can now choose a free tutoring program for your child. The district will provide assistance in selecting an approved provider, if requested. A list of approved tutoring programs able to offer free tutoring to your child is enclosed, and can also be viewed at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/nclb/ses/ApprovedProviders/LocationList.html>. These programs have been approved by the New York State Department of Education and will provide your child with tutoring that is coordinated with what is being taught in school. The availability of this free tutoring may be limited.

Please call Nyack Middle School Principal, Nicole Saieva (845-353-7200), or Walter Woodhouse, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction (845-353-7046), if you have any questions. If you would like to select a tutoring service now, you can fill out the enclosed provider selection form and mail it back to Walter Woodhouse, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, 13A Dickinson Avenue, Nyack, New York 10960.

Sincerely,

Walter Woodhouse