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Roma ISD/Roma Middle School

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Help your child succeed in school – sign up for free SES tutoring! This is a great opportunity to help your child in school without any cost to you. As a result of the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*, your child can receive academic tutoring to help him or her do better in school.

You may choose a free tutoring program that best meets your child's needs from the list of approved tutoring programs in your area. These programs, which have been approved by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), will provide your child with tutoring that is coordinated with what is being taught in school and may help improve your child's academic skills.

In the event the number of requests for this free tutoring exceeds the amount of money the district has to pay for the SES tutoring services, the district must set priorities in order to determine which eligible students will receive the free SES tutoring. If this should occur, the district will have to implement their priorities criteria, and we will use the following criteria: scores of eligible 8th,7th, and 6th who did not pass TAKS Reading and TAKS Math in '08-'09 to determine student eligibility.

Why?

Research from the federal government has shown that students who participated in this free tutoring program made significant gains in student achievement, and those students who participated in multiple years did even better.

When?

Now—free SES academic tutoring is available for eligible students anytime between August 24, 2009, and August 22, 2010.

What Time?

You decide—before school, after school, during school holiday or vacation breaks, and/or during the summer.

Who Provides Free SES Tutoring?

You decide—attached is a list of SES tutors servicing our geographical area.

SES Sign-up!

Call: Abraham Gonzalez, Roma Middle School

E-mail: agonzalez9@romaisd.com

Stop by: Roma Middle School, 2047 N. Highway 83, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mail: Abraham Gonzalez, P.O. Box 187, Roma, TX 78584

Visit: http://www.romaisd.com/home.aspx, or rms.romaisd.com/home.aspx

SES Sign-up Deadline:

April 7, 2010

SES Questions?

Abraham Gonzalez, Roma Middle School Principal, at (956) 849-1434

Need Additional Information?

www5.esc13.net/ses/index.html

Need Help Deciding?

When deciding which tutoring program is best for your child, you may want to ask these questions:

- When and where will the tutoring take place (at school, at home, or at a community center)
- How often and for how many total hours will your child be tutored?
- What programs, by grade levels and subject areas, are available for your child?
- What type of instruction will the tutor use (small group, one-on-one, or the computer)?
- What are the tutors' qualifications?
- Can the tutor help if your child has a learning disability or is learning English?
- Is transportation available to and from the location where the tutoring will take place?

Mary Lou Cruz, Federal Programs Director

Enclosures (3):

Provider Service Area Spreadsheet

Providers' One-Page Summaries

SES State Enrollment Form (in applicable language)