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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As a result of the federal *No Child left Behind Act*, Federal funds available through Title 1 enable your child to receive academic tutoring to help him or her do better in school if your child is eligible to receive free or reduced lunch. You may choose a free tutoring program that best meets your child's needs from the list of providers attached. Each of these providers and their programs have been approved by the Vermont Agency of Education. They will deliver tutoring that is coordinated with what is being taught in school and may help improve your child's academic skills. *In the 2014-2015 school year, there were seven students from the Ottuaquechee School who received Supplemental Education Services.*

What are Supplemental Educational Services? They are extra academic assistance/tutoring services provided to improve your child's academic performance contracted with specific providers approved by the Vermont Department of Education.

Who is eligible for Supplemental Educational Services? Only children who are eligible for free and reduced-price meals can participate in this program. If you have not previously applied for the free and reduced-price federal meals program, please return the free and reduced-price meals application along with the application for Supplemental Services Application form.

Who are the service providers? The Vermont Department of Education has approved a list of eligible providers. The list includes providers, the services they offer, and their qualifications. They will offer their services at the addresses listed. You cannot use a provider who is not on the list. ***Transportation to the providers' location of service is your responsibility. The list can be accessed at:***

<http://education.vermont.gov/documents/edu-ses-approved-provider-list-2015-2016.pdf>

If you would like a hard copy, let me know.

Who pays? Schools are required to pay for Supplemental Educational Services—extra academic assistance/tutoring to improve your child's academic performance. If you are eligible and if you choose to participate, you'll be able to select a service provider that best fits your child's needs.

Who decides? One of the most important features of Supplemental Educational Services is that families are the ones who will make the choices for their children. You can choose among the different types of services, given by different service providers at different locations. Remember, there is no obligation to enroll your child for Supplemental Educational Services.

Is the program limited? Only a limited number of spaces are available. As a result, we may not be able to enroll every child whose parent applies. In compliance with federal law, we will give first priority to the lowest achieving students, as determined by SBAC scores; we will select by lottery in case of equal scores.

What's the deadline? If you are eligible and if you decide that you want to enroll your student in the Supplemental Services program, you must submit the enclosed application to Dothan Brook School, Ottauquechee School, or White River School by September 21st. We will let you know by the first week in October, if we have approved the application to have your child participate in the Supplemental Education Services program.

Who can answer my questions? If you have questions about the Supplemental Educational Services program or would like help in choosing a provider, please contact Rick Dustin-Eichler at Dothan Brook School dustineichlerg@hartfordschools.net, Cathy Newton at Ottauquechee School newtonc@hartfordschools.net or Sheila Powers at White River School powerss@hartfordschools.net.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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