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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you know, in January 2002, Congress passed a new federal education law, the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB) that increases parents' choices about their children's education. The purpose of this letter is to inform you about this law and the provision for supplemental services for eligible students. Supplemental services are classes or tutoring that provides additional academic assistance to a child at a time outside the regular school day. These services must support and be consistent with the instruction provided by the school.

NCLB requires districts to teach grade-level standards, use the most effective teaching methods and instructional strategies for teaching students, and assess their progress each year. A school's progress is determined based on how well students do on the statewide assessments. Schools that did not make adequate yearly progress (AYP) on State tests for two consecutive years are identified as in need of improvement by the New Jersey Department of Education. Under NCLB, New Jersey schools identified as in need of improvement for two years must provide Supplemental Educational Services (SES).

Williamstown Middle School is in Year 3 for the 2011-12 SY as a school in need of improvement in grades 5th through 6th for Language Arts Literacy. Therefore, Williamstown Middle School will be offering eligible students supplemental services during the 2011-2012 school year. We may not be able to accommodate every child due to limited spaces in the SES Program. Thus, we may not enroll every child whose parent applies. Until we hear from every parent whose child is eligible, we can't guarantee that your child will get a space. Transportation is not provided to and from the provider.

SES is designed to help students increase their academic achievement and to meet state standards. The services will be available for eligible students during the 2011-12 school year. As the parent of an eligible student, you have the option of requesting these services and choosing the supplemental service provider you want for your child.

Supplemental service providers must be selected from the state-approved list, which is enclosed with this letter and also available on the NJDOE Web site at <http://education.state.nj.us/ses/2011/>. Also included for your information is a list of the most common questions and answers regarding supplemental educational services.

Request for SES must be made by filling out the enclosed yellow forms and returning it to Dr. Shawnequa Carvalho c/o Tina Heffner. Applications must be completed and returned to the district by December 19, 2011. If you have any questions, please call Tina Heffner at ext. 1028.

We look forward to working with parents to help increase the academic achievement of our students. We continue to believe that helping children become academically proficient is everyone's responsibility. **These tutoring services are free of charge and we encourage you take advantage of this opportunity.**

Fondly yours,
Dr. Shawnequa Carvalho
Supervisor of Secondary Curriculum & Instruction