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Dear Teachers:

We are very proud of our school districts, principals, and teachers for their efforts to reach out to parents regarding their options provided by the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. The local parent outreach efforts have been so successful that more than 70,000 parents in Florida have chosen for their children to participate in the free tutoring or supplemental educational services (SES) as provided by NCLB for eligible students enrolled in Title I schools identified as not making adequate yearly progress for three or more consecutive years.

Florida's goal is for all of these students to participate in SES as soon as possible to maximize this resource of extended academically engaged time. **However, at this time, less than half of the students enrolled in SES are actually receiving services. You may be able to help.**

The Florida Department of Education has approved 200 SES-providers for the 2006-2007 school year. Many of these providers have reported a delay in services to students because they have not been able to hire enough qualified tutors. **More teachers are needed to meet the demand of parents for tutoring that could make a vast difference in their children's academic performance. Many providers have employment opportunities for teachers for the after school tutoring programs at this time.**

We encourage you to learn more about this opportunity for you and your students who may be struggling in school. You may contact your district Title I or SES coordinator or access the list of SES providers approved to serve students in your district by accessing our website at <http://www.firn.edu/doe/flbpso/index.htm>. Click *2006-2007 Approved SES Provider Directory* and select your district. This will provide the list of providers approved for your district and their contact information.

Thank you for all you do to ensure that our students have access to the highest quality instruction to enable them to be successful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheri Pierson Yecke".

Cheri Pierson Yecke

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