

September 30, 2013

### Dear Parent/Guardian:

We've determined that your child may be eligible to receive, free of charge, Supplemental Educational Services (SES)—extra academic assistance that we're providing to help your child improve his or her academic performance. The federal law, the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, requires this service. If you choose to enroll your child, you'll be able to select a program that best fits your child's needs. We've giving you this notice to help you understand how Supplemental Educational Services can help your child and what you must do to take advantage of it.

One of the most important features of SES is that parents are the ones who will make choices for their children. You'll be able to choose among different types of services, given by different providers at different locations. That way, you can decide what's best for your child. But there is no obligation to enroll your child in SES. The goal of these providers will be to improve the academic achievement of low performing students. Some students at Foothill High School will be entitled to these supplemental educational services for the remaining 2013-14 school year. As a parent of a student attending Foothill High School, you may have the opportunity to select one of the approved supplemental educational service providers accessible to the Shasta County area.

Supplemental Educational Services may include tutoring or other academic activities beyond the regular school day; for example, before school, after school, during Saturday sessions or on-line. These services are above and beyond what the school already offers its students. At Foothill High School, the Title I Program, with the support of other special programs, will continue to provide extra help in the classroom. Students can also continue participating in other intervention programs throughout the year. The guidance and support staff make every effort to inform students and parents about all available services.

# WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE EVERY CHILD

The district will make every effort to ensure fair and equitable access to the SES if the number of spaces of the approved providers is not sufficient to serve all eligible students. Until we hear from every other parent whose child is eligible, we can't guarantee that your child will get a space.

# PRIORITY FOR LOWEST-ACHIEVING STUDENTS

In compliance with federal law, available slots will be offered to the lowest performing students who participate in and/or are eligible for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. If parental response exceeds funds available, then students will prioritize first by eligibility for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, and secondly by low-achievement status. This whole process will occur with the highest confidentiality so that the privacy of the students eligible to receive supplemental services may be protected. Disclosure of the identity of any student without the written permission of the student's parents will not be permitted.



## TRANSPORTATION TO YOUR CHOSEN PROVIDER

Parents are responsible for transporting their child to the location of the provider services.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

If you decide you want to enroll your child in the SES program and choose one of the providers, you must return the attached form to the Shasta Union High School District office no later than Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. In order to make an informed decision in selecting a provider, please return your application to the Shasta Union High School District office (attention Mike O'Leary) if you are interested in reviewing potential options for your child. After October 11<sup>th</sup>, if your child is eligible for services we will call you and create a learning plan with the provider of your choice to ensure your child is receiving appropriate services. Due to the uncertainty of accessible tutoring services year to year, we will discuss those that are currently available to your child in the 2013-14 school-year.

### NOTICE DATE

We will let you know by Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, whether or not we have approved your application to have your child participate.

## PARENT AND STUDENT PARTICIPATION

It is very important that once your child is formally enrolled to attend these services that his/her attendance and interest be kept at the highest levels. Parents and students will need to sign an agreement to ensure regular attendance and completion of the work. Supplemental services will support your child in reaching his/her highest potential in academic classes for a better and successful future.

The Shasta Union High School District is highly committed to offering the best educational program to its students and community. This goal cannot be accomplished without dedicated parents, students and teachers. Everyone must stay focused and passionate about learning-- at home and at school. We can reach our goals and expectations when we work together!

Sincerely,

Mike OLeary Director of Categorical Programs Shasta Union High School District

Attachment: SES Application