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SUBJECT: Supplementary Education Services

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St. Stephens Elementary School, a Catawba County Title I school, is required to offer an after school Supplementary Education Service (SES) program this year as part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) sanctions for schools in year two of Title I School Improvement.

St. Stephens Elementary School is in the second year of school improvement because 100% of all students did not make adequate yearly progress (AYP) for all sub-groups in math for the past three school years as measured by North Carolina Department of Instruction testing. The school is required to offer free tutoring to qualified students by outside tutoring providers. Parents of students who qualify have already received letters with information on how to register their children for the tutoring program which will begin November 10, 2009. The parents also received a list of available tutoring providers who submitted applications and were approved by the North Carolina School Board to provide SES tutoring for this school year. Parents have until October 19, 2009, to register their children for services and select their three prioritized choices of tutoring providers. On Thursday, October 15, 2009, select parents will be given a chance to attend an SES Provider Fair to meet and talk with these providers before deciding their choice of the top three providers they feel will best help their children.

For more information on School Choice and Supplementary Educational Services including the approved tutoring providers, visit this section of the Catawba County Schools webpage. <http://www.catawbасchools.net/departments/curriculum/federal/Webpages/NCLB.aspx>