

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Pioneer Central School District is providing notice about the availability of Supplemental Educational Services (SES) which are available to students receiving free and reduced lunch who attend Pioneer Middle School. Pioneer Middle is designated as a School in Need of Improvement, Year 1. This designation is a result of the middle school not making adequate yearly progress, among the sub group of students with disabilities, on the ELA State Assessment. Please note, across the state, 44% of all middle schools did not make adequate yearly progress, since the state began using higher cut scores for students to pass.

As a result of the improvement designation, NCLB regulations state that schools must provide Supplemental Educational Services (SES) to students eligible for free and reduced lunch. Supplemental Educational Services are additional academic instructional services designed to increase the academic achievement of students in schools. **These services are offered in addition to any Academic Instructional Services (AIS) your child may currently receive if they scored a 1 or 2 on the NYS Assessments in ELA or math last year. Supplemental Educational Services cannot be taken instead of the AIS services your child may be currently mandated to receive.** Supplemental education services may include academic assistance such as tutoring, remediation, and other supplemental academic enrichment services.

Interested parents are permitted to select an approved supplemental educational service provider for their child. Enrollment will be prioritized according to economic need and academic achievement. Your child's candidacy must first be confirmed by the Assistant Superintendent. Upon approval, it is the parent's responsibility to select and make arrangements with the district-contracted providers. The Assistant Superintendent and Principal are available to help you select the most appropriate program for your child.

Our parent packet includes a brief description of the services, qualifications, as well as demonstrated effectiveness of each provider the district has contracted with. A complete listing of approved supplemental educational service providers is also available on the New York State Department of Education's website: <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov> or you may contact the Office of the Assistant Superintendent at 716-492-9303.

Consider the opportunity for your child to receive Supplemental Educational Services. If you are interested in having your child receive these services, **complete and return the attached application for SES by Thursday, December, 22, 2011.** If you are interested in hearing more information about Supplemental Educational Services, you may want to attend our **informational meeting on Monday, December, 12th from 5:00-6:00 pm in the Middle School Large Group Instruction Room.**

Please do not send your child for these services until you receive confirmation from the Pioneer Central School District Office.