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News Release

***Supplemental Educational Service Providers May Now
Apply For State Authorization for the 2008-2009
School Year***

The Request for Proposals (RFP) form to become a Supplemental Educational Service Provider for the 2008-2009 school year is available through the Colorado Department of Education Web site at:
www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/improvement/SuppServices.asp.

Prospective providers are invited to a training about the form at the Colorado Department of Education (201 E. Colfax Ave.) in the State Board Room on Tuesday, Jan. 29 from 2—4 p.m.

Eligible applicants are organizations with a demonstrated record of effectiveness in increasing the academic achievement of students in reading and/or math. Districts and schools on “improvement” status may not be SES providers. However, a school that is not on improvement—even if it’s within a district identified as being on “improvement” status—may apply to be a provider.

Proposals are due to the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) on or before March 10, 2008. Providers that have been previously approved do not need to re-apply.

Supplemental Educational Services (SES) are free tutoring opportunities for low-income children attending schools in the second year of Improvement, Corrective Action or Restructuring under the “Adequate Yearly Progress” provision of the federal No Child Left Behind legislation.

The cost of tutoring is paid for by the school district using federal funds. A list of schools in Colorado that are presently offering supplemental services—as well as schools that may be required to offer services during the 2008-2009 school year—is also available at the link listed above.

As many providers can be included on the list of approved providers as meet the criteria of the RFP. Approval allows a provider to be placed on a list of options sent by districts to eligible parents.

Eligible parents are provided the list at the start of school and choose the provider that best suits their child's needs.

Currently, there are 52 state approved providers. Although Colorado has numerous high quality providers approved in the state, there continues to be a need for greater options for families outside of the metro areas.

During the 2006-2007 school year, 4,400 students from 64 schools across the state received Supplemental Education Services.

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