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News Release

CDE Issues Request For Supplemental Educational Service Providers

The Colorado Department of Education is looking for Supplemental Educational Service providers to be included in the 2009-2010 approved provider list.

A request for proposals is available on the CDE Web site at http://www.cde.state.co.us/fedprograms/improvement/SuppServices.asp. This request for proposals reopened to include school districts as supplemental educational service providers; they were not included in the original RFP published in spring 2009.

Supplemental Educational Services offer opportunities for academic instruction outside the regular school day and are designed to increase the academic achievement of low-income students in low-performing schools.

These services may include academic assistance such as tutoring, remediation and other educational interventions, provided that such approaches are consistent with the content and instruction used by the district and are aligned with the state's academic content standards. Supplemental Educational Services must be high quality, research-based, and specifically designed to increase student academic achievement.

All providers that meet the specified criteria will be included on the approved provider list. Approval during the request for proposal

process entitles a provider to be placed on a list that districts send to low-income parents at eligible schools.

There is no guarantee providers selected to be on the approved provider list will be selected by parents to serve students. Parents receive the list by their school or district and choose the Supplemental Educational Service provider that best suits the needs of their child. The cost of tutoring is paid for by the school district's Title I, Part A allocation.

The list of approved providers will be maintained by the Colorado Department of Education and will indicate which of the approved providers offer Supplemental Educational Services in each school district.

Proposals are due to Lynn Bamberry in CDE's Office of Federal Programs by Wednesday, August 26 at 4 p.m. For more information, call 303-866-6813 or e-mail bamberry_l@cde.state.co.us

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