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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Consolidated School District of New Britain is committed to providing all students with an excellent education. New Britain has capable, dedicated teachers, who want to help your child succeed.

In January 2002, the U.S. Congress passed a new federal education law called No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The federal law requires states to set specific student achievement goals that all schools must meet each year. Connecticut student achievement goals are based on the 3rd- 8th grade Connecticut Mastery Test. For an elementary or middle school to make "adequate yearly progress," for the 2008-09 school year the law requires:

- 95% of students who attend the school in grades 3-8 take the test,
- 79% score proficient or above in reading,
- 82% score proficient or above in math, and
- 70% score basic or above in writing or the percentage at or above basic improves from the previous year.

For the high school, Connecticut student achievement goals are based on the 10th grade Connecticut Academic Performance Test. For a high school to make adequate yearly progress, for the 2008 – 2009 school year the law requires:

- 95% of students who attend the school in 10th grade take the test;
- 81% score proficient or above in reading;
- 80% score proficient or above in math; and
- 70% graduation rate or the percentage of seniors graduating improves from the previous year.

If an elementary, middle or high school has not made adequate yearly progress for two or more consecutive years, it is identified as "in need of improvement".

The following schools have been identified as "in need of improvement" due to one or more of the following criteria:

1. Fewer than 68% of our students scored proficient or above in reading.
2. Fewer than 74% of our students scored proficient in math.

Chamberlain-Year 5, DiLoreto-Year 5, Gaffney-Year 3, Holmes- Year 4, Jefferson-Year 3, Lincoln-Year 5, Northend - Year 1, Smalley-Year 4, Vance-Year 3, Pulaski-Year 5, Roosevelt-Year 5 and Slade-Year 5

New Britain High School has been identified as "in need of improvement" Year 5 due to one or more of the following criteria:

1. Fewer than 81% of our students scored proficient or above in reading.
2. Fewer than 80% of our students scored proficient in math.

As a result of this identification, Supplemental Educational Services (SES) by state approved outside vendors will be offered to **students who qualify for free/reduced lunch** in the above mentioned schools.

If you would like your child to be considered for supplemental educational services during the 2008-09 school year, **please complete the enclosed application and return it to your child's classroom teacher by October 30, 2008**. If you have questions about supplemental educational services, please contact Carole Volz at (860) 827-2276 or volz@csdnb.org or your child's school principal. If you have concerns or would like additional information about these possible options for your child from the Connecticut State Department of Education, please contact Michele Rosado at michelle.rosado@ct.gov or (860) 713-6784.

Thank you for all that you do to support your child's education. It will be our privilege to continue working with you and your child.

Sincerely,

Carole Volz

Facilitator of Supplemental Services &
Community/Schools Liaison