

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Office of the Superintendent
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August 27, 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Montgomery C. Smith Intermediate School has been designated a CA 1 (*School In Corrective Action, Year 1*) based on the results of the 2009 English Language Arts (ELA) exam. In order to be removed from CA status, Montgomery C. Smith Intermediate School must make AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) for two consecutive years.

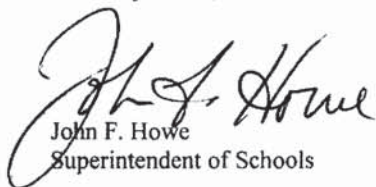
The Montgomery C. Smith Intermediate School Improvement Team (SIT) comprised of both staff and community members meet monthly to continue work on plans to address the identified area of need in ELA. Montgomery C. Smith Intermediate School teachers will regularly inform parents of individual student progress through written and oral communication. The SIT Team has developed a plan to provide improved support for students who demonstrate needs in the areas of reading and writing.

In the fall of 2007, the district generated an aligned framework for K-12 English Language Arts. The district K-12 ELA committee works to ensure implementation and updating of the K-12 ELA curriculum.

In addition, as a result of the Montgomery C. Smith Intermediate School's CA1 status, the Hudson City School District is required to offer Supplemental Education Services (SES) to Montgomery C. Smith Intermediate School students who meet certain family income guidelines, and who have demonstrated high academic need. Supplemental Education Services (SES) is a Federal mandate via NCLB (No Child Left Behind). SES will be coordinated through the Assistant Superintendent's office. Further information regarding SES will be described in another letter.

We intend to be diligent in our efforts to provide the best possible education for your child, and appreciate your ongoing cooperation and support as we move forward.

Sincerely Yours,


John F. Howe
Superintendent of Schools

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cc. Assistant Superintendent

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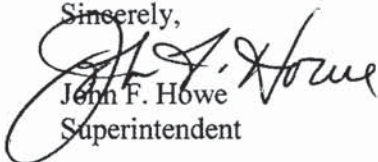
The Hudson City School District is providing notice about the availability of its **Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Program** which it is offering to students attending Montgomery C. Smith Intermediate School, designated as a *School in Corrective Action Year 1*. The SES program offers academic enrichment instruction in the form of after school tutoring by State approved agencies within our locality. The purpose of the program is to help our intermediate school students further succeed at school. Services, made available under the No Child Left Behind Act, are free and based upon a federal allocation available to your child.

Interested parents are permitted to select an approved supplemental educational service provider for their child from the attached listings. Enrollment will be prioritized according to economic need and academic achievement. Your child's candidacy must be first confirmed through the District Office of the Assistant Superintendent. Upon approval, it is the parent's responsibility to select and make arrangements with the provider, and the district's obligation to enter into contract with the provider. Should you wish, the Assistant Superintendent is available to help you select the most appropriate program for your child. If your child qualifies for free or reduced lunch prices, or your family meets other economic criteria, you are encouraged to consider this program. A complete listing of "**Approved Supplemental Educational Services Providers**" is 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.

Under the No Child Left Behind Act, school districts with buildings which are designated as a *School in Corrective Action* are also required to offer public school choice to students in those designated buildings, provided that there are other public schools in the district. Since there are no other public schools in the Hudson district, this is not a possibility. The district will, however, make an effort to establish reciprocal agreements for student placement with neighboring public schools within reasonable travel distances if space permits. These districts, however, are under no obligation to enter into such agreements. You will be informed if placement is possible.

We encourage you to consider the opportunity for your child to receive Supplemental Educational Services, and ask that you make application for this program before **September 15, 2009**. Please complete and return the attached form indicating your interest in SES services or school transfer. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Jenn F. Howe
Superintendent

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Attach.

Cc: Assistant Superintendent
Building Administrators

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2009-2010 SES, School Choice Response Form

_____ Yes, I would like to receive further information regarding
Supplemental Educational Services (SES) for my child.

_____ Yes, I would be interested in being contacted if there is an opportunity
for my child to transfer to another school district.

<p><i>Please Print</i> Name of Child: _____</p> <p>Grade: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____</p> <p>Name of Parent/Guardian: _____</p> <p>Address: _____ _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p><i>Signature</i> of Parent/Guardian: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p>
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Please mail completed form (**OR** return to your child's Homeroom teacher) to:

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