

## **Nespelem Elementary School**

Date: September 23, 2014

### **Dear Parent/Guardian:**

As a result of the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*, your child is eligible to receive academic tutoring to help him or her do better in school using Supplemental Educational Services (SES). This extra help is provided to your child in reading, and/or math. The extra help can be provided before or after school, on weekends, during school vacation times, depending on the provider, not associated with the Nespelem School District. This is at no cost to you.

SES providers are approved by the Title I department at the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. Please contact the school's main office by between Oct. 1 – 15 or November 12 – 26, if you are interested in finding out more about the SES provider services.

A brief description of the help your child may receive from the providers is available at the school or website: (<http://www.k12.wa.us/TitleI/TitleI/SESProvidersList.aspx>). You decide who you want to work with your child. An office employee will work with you at Nespelem Elementary School Office to set a date to start services for your child and to set-up a service schedule. Services are paid for your child by Title I dollars set-aside by the district. Transportation **will not** be provided by the school. This is the parent's responsibility, as the district is not allowed to pay for this out of the Title I SES funds. The district will then enter into a contract with the provider on your child's behalf.

### **The SES Enrollment Windows for Nespelem School District are:**

October 1 - 15

November 12 – 26

NOTE:

*Enrollment applications for SES tutoring will only be accepted during these two windows.*

### **Parent Involvement**

As a parent/guardian your input is valued and encouraged. There are many ways that you can be in helping us to address the issues around school improvement. Some of those include:

- Meeting with your child's teacher to gain an understanding of his/her individual learning needs and how you can support those needs at home.
- Visiting the school on a regular basis to stay informed.
- Volunteering whenever you can!

In closing, all of us here at **Nespelem Elementary School** are committed to the success of our school and to serving all of our students. We are taking intentional and innovative steps to address each student's academic performance. For example, some of the things that we are working on to put in place are:

- Utilize interventions to provide immediate help to struggling students.

- Develop student learning plans for each student to identify their specific learning needs
- Develop a systematic approach to meeting those needs.
- Develop common assessments that will inform our instruction.
- Analyze the data associated with those assessments to develop timely interventions.
- Learn new strategies to help each student master the current skill being taught.

We are not alone in our efforts; our district is working very hard to assist us. Some of the ways that we are being supported by the central office include:

- Reading and math afterschool intervention provided by school staff to students needing extra assistance (Contact your child's teacher for information as this support is different from SES tutoring)
- Reading and math support provided by the district for elementary staff and through the North Central Educational Service District (NCESD)
- Title III learner training and support for all staff in district and through the North Central Educational Service District (NCESD)

We are also receiving state support through the school improvement office. We have a school success leadership coach that is working with our school to implement the changes that we have outlined in our school improvement plan.

We are excited and optimistic about the future and we hope that you will join us in this important effort.

Sincerely,

Debra Pankey, Principal