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TITLE 1 SERVICES RETURN TO ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Through the hard work of our teachers and our Learning Center Staff, St. Joan of Arc has been approved for Title I Services beginning this October. Title 1 Services is a federally-funded program which provides small group instruction by licensed teachers who work for the Department of Education to students who need supplemental instruction in Mathematics and Reading. The amount of services offered to our school depends upon the number of students eligible for services.

The eligibility of students for Title 1 is based on teacher recommendation, Terra Nova scores, and literacy skills assessments. The literacy skills assessment focuses on the areas of phonics, reading fluency, and comprehension. The needs of students being considered for Title 1 and the best way to meet those needs are discussed by the classroom teacher, the Title 1 teacher, our Learning Center Director, assistant principal and the principal. In addition, students are able to be phased in and out of the program as their needs change during the year.

What Will the Title 1 Program Look Like Here at St. Joan of Arc this 2011-2012 School Year?

Title 1 tutoring is provided in addition to the regular classroom instruction.

Students eligible for Reading services will receive instruction in phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension.

Phonemic Awareness - understanding that words are made of sounds and identifying the individual sounds in words

Phonics - understanding that sounds and letters have a relationship and using this relationship to decode words

Fluency - the pace at which an individual reads

Vocabulary - understanding the meaning of words

Comprehension - gaining meaning and information from the text

Students eligible for Mathematics services will receive supplemental help so that students can work to meet the New York State Academic Achievement Standards and State Academic Assessment Requirements for their grade level.

Mathematics skills- Students will understand mathematics and become mathematically confident by communicating and reasoning mathematically, by applying mathematics in real-world settings, and by solving problems through the integrated student of number systems, geometry, algebra, data analysis and probability.

Students eligible for counseling services will work the counselor to improve behavior, social skills, academic performance, and study skills.

When Will Title 1 Teachers tutor, teach, and instruct our Students?

In order to not interrupt what our teachers are doing during class time, **Title I Services will take place from 3:00-6:00 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.** Classes are usually an hour and are scheduled by the Title I staff, not St. Joan of Arc School. Instruction takes place **right here in St. Joan of Arc School.** We will be using classrooms on the 3rd floor.

How can Title 1 Services help improve the Academic Achievement of St. Joan of Arc Students?

Thanks to those families that participated last year, we were able to generate enough funds so that the Department of Education could provide our school with 72 boxes of brand new books. These books have been added to our classroom libraries and are being used during instructional time. In addition, wireless laptops have now been installed on the 3rd floor for our students to use for research, review and lesson activities. These tools are just another way for us to help our students grow academically. However, the use of these supplemental tools can only continue if we maintain Title 1 participation in our school.

When will those students eligible for Title 1 services be notified?

Permission slips will be sent home this week! You will be required to give your child written permission to participate in these classes. Due to the limited amount of space, students will be enrolled on a first come first serve basis. If you receive a permission slip and are interested in enrolling your child, you must return the form **IMMEDIATELY**. In addition, consistent attendance is necessary. Attendance is taken each day and the principal verifies attendance with the staff daily. Just because classes begin at 3:30 p.m. doesn't guarantee that a student will have a 3:30 p.m. class. A student could have a 4:30 p.m. class on Mondays & Wednesdays and a 4:30 p.m. class on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We suggest that you enroll your child in our After School Program if child care is a concern. After School Tuition is \$310 a month (5 days a week) or \$ 20 a day.

A LETTER WILL BE SENT TO CHILDREN WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM.

Mr. Fruner

Mr. Donovan

Mrs. Henderson