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Dear Parents and Caregiver of Our Scholars,

Welcome to a new and improved Scholarts in this exciting new school year!!! Scholarts Preparatory & Career Center for Children continues to make academic progress but not all of our children are proficient in reading and mathematics at their grade level. The majority of our children have challenges and special needs; however, many of those students have met state and federal standards for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in reading. The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law requires all children in grades 3-8 to demonstrate proficiency in reading and mathematics. There is much work to be done but we are proud of these achievements. We will continue to improve our services and supports to your child and family!

Since not ALL Scholarts children are meeting our goals, please know that we are in our third year of School Improvement (SI). Therefore, you may choose Supplemental Educational Services (SES) for your child. SES is defined as permitting Scholarts children to receive after school tutoring in reading or mathematics by a state approved private provider at no cost to you. Students receiving free and reduced lunch qualify for SES services. Please be aware that tutorial services for Scholarts children are offered on site after school and may or may not be supervised or affiliated with the Scholarts District. Also, please know that you are responsible for all transportation to and from these after school tutoring services. A list of other SES providers from which you may choose is enclosed and is also available in the school office. It may be found at <http://dnet01.ode.state.oh.us/ses/ProviderLookup.aspx>. You may sign up for the free tutoring by completing the enclosed form and returning to the school or its PO Box 360895 Columbus, OH 43236 no later than August 25, 2011 by 4:00 p.m.

As you know, we have been working at improving our reading, writing and communication skills through out last school year. Our 2011-2012 school year will continue to have a have this strong focus as well as providing additional community exploration as well as home to school opportunities and connections. Your child will be receiving the foundation skills needed for the 21st Century workforce. However, you have the option of Public School Choice (PSC), which means you may choose a traditional school or another community school not in SI status and your child will receive PSC transportation to that school except not to any school in your home school district. You may find them online at [http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/Schools/Comm\\_School\\_list.asp3](http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/Schools/Comm_School_list.asp3). You may also find reports cards for schools at <http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/> to research possible schools not in school improvement status. I have contacted Upper Arlington Schools and FCI Academy about our PSC children and at this time they have not responded. As an alternative, we hope you will choose after school tutoring instead of PSC. If you choose PSC, please contact Dr. Parchia by August 25 at 614.519.5759; [info@scholarts.org](mailto:info@scholarts.org). or PO Box 360895, Columbus, OH 43236. Scholarts will continue our efforts to raise achievement to even higher levels. We know that parent involvement is a key factor in student success and value your assistance with our improvement efforts. We offer many volunteer opportunities for parents. Please speak to Dr. Carson at 614.623.5487 about Scholarts opportunities, services, and support programs for parents and caregivers of our scholars.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Parchia, Ed. D.

Founder and Chief Executive Officer