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Dear Parent / Guardian of student(s) attending Ubah Medical Academy

The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requires that all schools in the nation make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) toward achieving the goal of all students being proficient in reading and math. As you may be aware, Ubah Medical Academy has been designated as a school in corrective action due to not making AYP for four years in math.

To review how our neighboring districts and other schools around the state are performing, please refer to the Minnesota Department of Education's website, School Report Cards, <http://education.state.mn.us/ReportCard2005/index.do>. If you have questions please contact Heather Mansour at 952.540.2942.

**Did our students meet the proficiency targets set by the State in reading and math?**

The following table provides the MCAII, attendance, and graduation results for all groups of students:

<b>Student Group</b>	<b>Math Yes or No</b>	<b>Reading Yes or No</b>	<b>Attendance Yes or No</b>	<b>Graduation Rate Yes or No</b>
All students	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
American Indian	NA	NA	NA	NA
Asian	NA	NA	NA	NA
Black	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
ELL	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hispanic	NA	NA	NA	NA
Special Education	NA	NA	NA	NA
White	NA	NA	NA	NA

We are working to ensure that all students receive the best education possible. The staff at Ubah Medical Academy has already planned to make improvements by:

- *Implementing a new math curriculum*
- *Implementing staff development that focuses on student learning, common assessments and effective instruction*
- *Consulting with an outside expert to advise the school on curriculum*

**What does this mean for your child?**

**Parental Option 1: Transfer to Another Public School:**

You may choose to transfer your child to a school not identified for improvement.

or

**Parental Option 2: Supplemental Educational Services (SES)**

Your second option is to choose, at no cost to you, to have your child receive Supplemental Educational Services (SES), free tutoring. Be aware that you might need to provide transportation for your child to and from tutoring sessions. You may choose a tutoring provider from the enclosed list of approved providers.

Supplemental Education Services (SES) will be available. We will mail out more information by September 15<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, the list of state approved providers can be found at [http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Academic\\_Excellence/School\\_Choice/Public\\_School\\_Choice/Supplemental\\_Education\\_Services/index.html](http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Academic_Excellence/School_Choice/Public_School_Choice/Supplemental_Education_Services/index.html). Only students eligible for free and reduced lunch are eligible for SES. If you choose to transfer your child to a different school in the district, your child is no longer eligible to receive SES.

Parental support is essential to the success of Ubah Medical Academy. The school parent involvement plan will be updated. If you are interested in providing input on this plan or the school improvement plan, please call Musa Farah or Heather Mansour at 952.540.2942. In addition, Ubah Medical Academy will have its annual meeting to inform parents about our Title I program, revise the parent involvement plan, parent/teacher compact and review parent rights under Title I. This meeting is scheduled for at 6pm on September 28<sup>th</sup>. You can also be involved, by volunteering at the school or participating on one of the school improvement committees. Please contact the school at 952.540.2942

For assistance call:

- English 952.540.2942
- Somali 952.540.2942

Sincerely,

Heather Mansour, Co-Director

Musa Farah, Co-Director

# Your Choices

Your child's school has been identified as a school in need of improvement. Therefore, you have the right to request that your child be transferred to a school which has **not** been identified as a school in need of improvement.

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# Free Supplemental Educational Services (SES)

Ubah Medical Academy

**Yes, I am interested in having my student participate in supplemental educational services (tutoring).**

*Be aware that you might need to provide transportation for your child to and from tutoring sessions.*

*For a complete list of SES providers, visit:*

[http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Academic\\_Excellence/School\\_Choice/Supplemental\\_Education\\_Services/index.html](http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Academic_Excellence/School_Choice/Supplemental_Education_Services/index.html)

## First Choice:

Name of provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of services: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

## Second Choice:

Name of provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of services: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like assistance in choosing a provider?**       Yes       No

**If you have questions, you may contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

*PLEASE NOTE: Eligible students are all students from low-income families who attend Title I schools that are in their second year of school improvement, in corrective action, or in restructuring. If all eligible students who request supplemental educational services cannot be served, the school will have to serve students at the lowest level of academic achievement as a first priority.*

**Please return this form to our school by Sept 14, 2009.**

**Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_