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Notes from the June 17, 2009 Providers' Conference Call

MSDE Participants -- Dr. Mary M. Cross, Mrs. Geri Taylor Lawrence, Mrs. Kristi Peters, Ms. Tierra Lisbon

Provider Companies – C2 Education Centers, Mainstream Development Educational Group, Non-Public Educational Services, Inc. (NESI), Educate Online, PowerCommunicators, Alternatives Unlimited, A Plus Success d.b.a. KnowledgePoints and Abeyon, The Princeton Review, Higher Achievement Program, The Enrichment Centers, NCLB, Club Z! In-Home Tutoring, ATS Project Success

- I. Update on the Review of RFQ
MSDE is in the final stages of the review, and the goal is to have all notification letters sent by the end of the week of June 29, 2009.
- II. Web Data System Deployment Update was provided by Kristi Peters
Most, but not all, user ID and Password registrations from Providers have been received. All Providers must submit a registration form to obtain access to the system. IDs and Passwords are being distributed to LEAs and they will inform Providers when to submit their data.
- III. External Evaluation Update
MSDE is mandated by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* to collect evaluation data on the SES program. An external evaluation is currently underway for the 2008-2009 school year, conducted by the University of Memphis Center for Research on Education Policy. Surveys have been distributed to Providers and all were urged to complete theirs as soon as possible for compliance to the federal law. The online survey site will close later this summer, so all Providers should complete their questionnaires soon.
- IV. Advertising Schedule
The advertising review schedule for currently serving Providers has been distributed. There will be a slightly different schedule for successful new and reapplying applicants. A form describing how current Providers plan to advertise this year has also been distributed and is due to MSDE by June 22, 2009.
- V. Change of Provider Staff Notification Policy
MSDE requires that Providers who have changes in major staff positions inform MSDE in writing within 30 days of each change.

- VI. **A Reminder About Parent Changes of Providers**
U. S. Department of Education regulations require LEAs to have a written procedure that permits parents to change Providers if they wish. LEAs must have these procedures in place by the beginning of the next school year. Providers should make sure they understand the procedures in each LEA.

- VII. **Amendment Request Season is from June 1 through September 1 each year**
The amendment procedure and the forms for submitting amendments are available on the SES web page, under the heading Technical Assistance.

- VIII. **The Call Was Opened to Issues of Concern to Providers**
None were raised.