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Dear Parents,

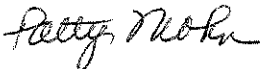
This message is to update you on the latest developments with the statewide Parents as Teachers program. Due to the economic downturn in our state, the Parents as Teachers program sustained a loss of 17 million dollars from appropriations for the 2010-2011 school year. This loss in funds resulted in the elimination of 31 part time parent educator positions from our Blue Springs Parents as Teachers staff. The loss of funds and the loss of these staff members will affect the services that can be provided during the upcoming school year.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the staff members who will no longer be working with us. They are talented, caring professionals who have helped make the Blue Springs Parents as Teachers program an exemplary program. These staff members will be greatly missed as they move on to another phase of their career. There is no doubt they will continue to change the lives of children and families in the future. You will be notified if your parent educator was affected by these changes.

As soon as we have guidelines for service from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, our remaining staff members will get them to you. Information has been released from the department that leads us to believe that the remaining state funds will provide services to families who have a specific need for visits. The state also may begin allowing school districts to charge for services for parents who do not have a specific need. However, we have no guidelines to share with you at this time.

Please stay in touch with us. Our phone number is 224-1740. You can also log onto our website at www.bssd.net and look for Parents as Teachers. Have a great summer and we will be in touch with you when school begins in August.

Very Sincerely,



Patty Mohn, Director
Blue Springs Parents as Teachers

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