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Dear Educator:

The State Library of Louisiana is pleased to announce an exciting after-school program that will be available to all Louisiana students as of June 1, 2010 - **Homework Louisiana** powered by Tutor.com, the leading online tutoring and homework help service. This program connects Louisiana K-12 students to a live tutor online for one-to-one help with homework, studying and test preparation in all core academic subjects including math, science, social studies and English.

The State Library of Louisiana is thrilled to offer this new after-school program to our students as part of the Louisiana Libraries Connecting People to Their Potential project which is funded through a recently awarded BroadbandUSA grant. The service is free to students and can be accessed from a Louisiana public library or from a student's home computer.

**Homework Louisiana Access and Details**

- Available: Sunday-Thursday from 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Access: At local Parish libraries or from home by visiting the library's website
- Live Help: A student connects to a professional tutor in an online environment for one-to-one help
- Grade Levels: K-12
- Subjects: Elementary to advanced coursework in math, science, social studies and English
- Tutoring in Spanish available as well

**Professional Tutors Online**

Whenever a student is stuck on a homework problem, struggling with a concept he/she didn't understand in class or is studying for an exam, the professional tutors from Tutor.com can help. Every tutor is a highly qualified expert who has completed a thorough background check. Tutors are certified teachers, graduate school students, university students and professionals in their fields.

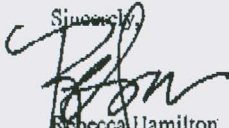
A student goes to the local Parish library's website and clicks on Homework Louisiana. The student chooses the subject they need help in and types in their question. Within a few minutes, the student is connected to a tutor anonymously in a secure online classroom where they use text-chat, an interactive whiteboard and secure web sharing to communicate with their tutor. Once the session is completed, the student may print or email their session for later review.

**SkillsCenter Resources Online**

The service also includes access to online tutorials to build skills in math, science, English and social studies. These resources are available 24/7 from a student's home computer by accessing [www.homeworkla.com](http://www.homeworkla.com). Please let your teachers and students know of these new resources so they can take advantage of them over the coming summer months.

Both the online tutoring service and the SkillsCenter are available to students from home and inside libraries. The State Library offers the public library version of the Tutor.com service, which does not include features such as in-school access or individual reporting.

Thanks so much in helping us get the word out. We look forward to working with you on this project. We have included a flyer that you are free to reproduce as needed.

Sincerely,  
  
 Rebecca Hamilton  
 State Librarian

