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## News Release

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### EDUCATION COALITION, SCHOOL DISTRICT SEEK VOLUNTEERS TO TUTOR STUDENTS

#### Training sessions set for Sept. 24 and Oct. 15 at Decatur Public Library

DECATUR, Ill. (Sept. 12, 2008) – The Decatur Area Education Coalition and Decatur School District 61 are seeking volunteer tutors to help students improve their reading and math skills.

Volunteers will work one-on-one with students in an after-school setting, typically two days per week, under the guidance of a certified teacher. Initial plans call for tutoring fourth- and fifth-grade students at Hope Academy and Brush College Elementary School.

Volunteers are asked to commit to working with a student on a regular basis and should have a sincere interest in helping a student make academic progress. Professional educators will coach volunteers in teaching methods and use of curriculum materials.

“Community volunteers have participated in study sessions to formulate these plans, and we’re optimistic that many volunteers will step up to be tutors,” said Jesse W. Price, chair of the education coalition’s student achievement team. “This can have a tremendous impact in our local schools as we help all students master grade-level work. In addition, it’s a great experience – for you as well as a student.”

Potential volunteers from all across the community are encouraged to attend an initial training session and learn more about the volunteer tutoring program. Sessions are scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Sept. 24 and 5 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Decatur Public Library Staley Room, 130 N. Franklin St., Decatur. The training session will last approximately 90 minutes.

For more information, contact Lynne at the Decatur Area Education Coalition, 429-3000 or [edco@endowdecatur.org](mailto:edco@endowdecatur.org)

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