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Sincerely,

Panicked Pandemic Parent

Hi, Panicked Pandemic Parent —

I'm so glad to hear that you are actively involved in your children's education and that you want to take action. Making sure your children catch up should not cost you money.

Start With the School

I know you said that school isn't helping, but still — start with the school. Say, “I don't see any tutoring options for my children. Are there some community partners the school is working with to provide free tutoring?” If the school

provides the resource, the problem is solved. If not, ask, “Are you providing academic intervention during the day?” or “When will free tutoring be offered?”

Once you have the information you need, you can get your children into the right program(s) and help them get back on track as soon as possible.

Research Online Resources

If the school isn't helpful after asking specific questions, look into the online resources available. If internet access is an issue, check with your public library to see when you can have your children access information online at the library.

- **IXL** offers free questions in multiple subjects each day.
- **Khan Academy** has free courses your children can use, covering all grade levels and multiple subjects.

Speaking of the library, if your children don't have a library card, get them one. Have your children check out both the book and the audiobook so they can listen as they follow along in the text.

Remember, it is the teacher's job to ensure your children are successful. Engaging with the school about tutoring will let the school know that you mean business about your children learning and that you are willing to work with your children outside of school.

Hopefully, this information alleviated some of your panic.

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