



Dear Parent(s),

The school has recently received a signed request from you to begin the process for a special education evaluation regarding concerns expressed about your child's progress in the general education curriculum.

The attached packet will assist you in understanding the special education process.

We encourage you to ask any questions you may have at the local district level. Each district in Shiawassee County has a special education supervisor assigned by the Shiawassee Regional Education Service District (SRES D) to assist the district and parents in understanding special education regulations and processes.

You should have received Michigan Department of Education September 2009 *Procedural Safeguards Available to Parents of Students with Disabilities* from the school district at the time you signed the request for a special education evaluation. The website link posted on the front of the procedural safeguards will connect you to the State of Michigan's website.

The Shiawassee Regional Education Service District's website also has information for parents. You may reach this site by using the following link: www.sresd.org. Look for *Parents* on the left side of the screen.

Parent Resources for general education students and students with disabilities include the following:

- Early Childhood Resources
- Local Support Organizations
- Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
- Parent Training
- Procedural Safeguards/Parent Rights
- Scholarships
- ASD Resources
- SRES D Parent Forms

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meets regularly to offer insight and support to the families who have children with disabilities in Shiawassee County. Each local district has parent representatives listed. These parents, who have children with disabilities, may assist you in understanding the special education process. PAC meetings are posted on this page.

The SRES D website also has an explanation of special education programs and services under the Special Education tab located at the top right side of the website.

When parents, the local school district, and the SRES D work together, we can meet the needs of children in both general education and special education. We look forward to developing a relationship with you to meet your child's needs.

Respectfully,

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