

LAKEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: Parents
District Personnel
Members of the Community

Subject: Open Public Meeting for Discussion of Special Education Programs and Services

When: March 31, 2009

Location: Lakewood Public Schools
Board of Education Administrative Offices-Community Room
655 Princeton Avenue
Lakewood, NJ 08701

Time: 6:00 P.M.

As part of the state's responsibility for supervision of the implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 2004, the Office of Special Education, New Jersey Department of Education, monitors compliance with federal and state special education regulations. This year, our district has been selected to participate in a self-assessment of our special education programs as part of that monitoring process. We will be reviewing our special education policies, procedures and practices to determine if we are:

- Improving the educational results and functional outcomes for all students with disabilities; and
- Meeting the requirements of the IDEA 2004 related to improving results for our students with disabilities.

As part of this process, you are invited to participate in a public meeting to comment on the district's efforts to provide special education programs and services to students. Discussion will focus on the strengths and areas of need for the following priority areas established by the United States Department of Education:

- Transition to Adult Life;
- Performance on State Assessments for Students with Disabilities;
- Placement in the Least Restrictive Environment;
- Parent Involvement in the Special Education Process;
- Disproportionate Representation of racial/ethnic groups in special education and in specific educational placements;
- Evaluation and Reevaluation;
- Individualized Education Programs; and
- Programs and Services.

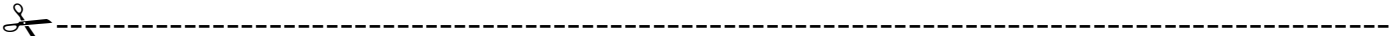
If you are planning to attend the meeting, please complete and return the attached form. If you require accommodations, such as interpreting services, assistive listening devices or large printed materials, please indicate that information on the attached form.

We look forward to your participation at the meeting and thank you in advance for your assistance in our efforts. If you have questions regarding this meeting, please contact Mrs. Yvette Cucuro, Director of Pupil Personnel Services at (732) 905-3541.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN TO:

Mrs. Yvette Cucuro, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Lakewood Public Schools
Board of Education Administrative Offices
755 Princeton Avenue
Lakewood, NJ 08701

Please return form by March 20, 2009



I/We plan to attend the public meeting.

Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Accommodation(s) needed, if any: _____

I/We, do not plan to attend the public meeting, but would like to submit comments.

We will attempt to meet all requests received, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodations received after March 20, 2009. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.