

Open Public Meeting for Discussion of Special Education Programs and Services

March 31, 2009
Lakewood Middle School
755 Somerset Ave.
Lakewood, NJ 08701

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.

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.