



Notice to Parents

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Re: Information Available on the Ministry of Education Public Website about Special Education

On March 26, 2010, the Ministry of Education posted a reorganization and enhancement of the special education component of its website. This is to inform you of information available (in both English and French) on the Ministry of Education public website [www.edu.gov.on.ca/] concerning special education. Following is a list of topics which are described in detail on the Ministry of Education special education public webpage [www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/speced.html]:

- **Overview**
 - **An Introduction to Special Education in Ontario**
 - **The Identification, Placement, and Review Committee**
 - **The Individual Education Plan Process**
 - **Transition Planning**
 - **Ministry Support for Special Education**
 - **Questions And Answers: Students With Autism Spectrum Disorders**

- **Resolving Identification or Placement Issues**
 - **Procedures for Parents/Guardians**

- **Policy Direction**
 - **The Education Act on Special Education**
 - **Special Education Regulations**
 - **Special Education Policy Documents**
 - **Policy/Program Memoranda Concerning Special Education**
 - **Funding for Special Education**
 - **Standards for School Boards' Special Education Plans**
 - **Individual Education Plans: Standards for Development, Program Planning, and Implementation**

- **Special Education Resource Documents**

- **Related Information**
 - **Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education**
 - **Special Education Tribunals**
 - **Special Needs Opportunity Windows (SNOW)**
 - **Web Based Teaching Tool (WBTT)**

Please note that the Ministry of Education will revise its special education public website to facilitate easy access for parents, teachers, administrators and students by providing the following:

- Access to School Board Special Education Plans and Parent Guides to Special Education
- Updated Resources and Policy Documents
- Roles and Responsibilities (e.g. of School Boards and Parents)
- Individual Education Plan Samples
- Links to School Board Profiles (including contact information of school boards and schools)
- A Special Education Update that describes new and ongoing special education initiatives
- Questions and Answers for parents in simple language in relation to various issues concerning special education
- Regional Special Education Offices and Public Enquiries contact information

In addition to the above information, you can find information specific to the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board at http://www.ocdsb.ca/au_hi_ocdsb-publications.asp#spec_ed . Any questions about this notice should be directed to Dawn Paxton, Superintendent of Learning Support Services at (613) 596-8254, fax (613) 721-9471 or c/o email address linda.yan@ocdsb.ca.

Sincerely,