



## Notice to Parents

Friday, April 16, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians:

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

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/](http://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](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/speced.html)]:

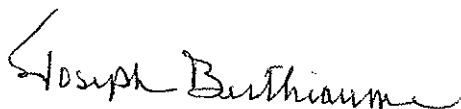
- **Overview**
  - **An Introduction to Special Education in Ontario**
  - **The Identification, Placement, and Review Committee**
  - **The Individual Education Plan Process**
  - **Transition Planning**
  - **Ministry Support for Special Education**
  - **Questions And Answers: Students With Autism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

Any questions about this notice should be directed to Cathy Geml, Superintendent of Education telephone 519-253-2481 ext 1202, fax 519-253-0620 or at email address [www.wecdsb.on.ca](http://www.wecdsb.on.ca)

Sincerely,



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