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Dear LEA Leaders and Community Stakeholders,

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) Division of Specialized Education (DSE) is pleased to announce the release of the Annual Parent Involvement Survey (*Special Education – Part B of IDEA*)!

Each year the US Department of Education (US DOE) Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) instructs OSSE and DSE to survey parents about the services they received and their involvement with their child's schools. Additionally, the results are utilized to assist OSSE in the improvement of services and supports specifically in the areas of parent engagement.

In previous years, the survey was made available to parents and guardians of children ages 3 through 26 receiving special education services with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) by paper copy ONLY. This year, OSSE will be utilizing an online survey and will also disseminate a paper survey upon request.

OSSE specifically asks for your support in disseminating the postcard announcement of the survey to students who are receiving services. Please take a moment to add the announcement to the students backpack. *Announcements will be made in other languages upon request.*

OSSE protects the privacy of parents responding to the survey therefore responses will be confidential. OSSE collects this information and reports a summary to OSEP by February 1st of the next year.

A memo to parents and guardians, as well as a list of frequently asked questions and next steps has been created to assist you in sharing this information. This information can be found online by selecting the following link: [OSSE Annual Parent Survey](#) or by visiting <http://osse.dc.gov/service/annual-specialized-education-parent-survey>.

The survey will be conducted starting Monday, October 22, 2012 and will remain open until Friday, December 14, 2012.

OSSE has a designated point of contact to assist you and families with the completion of the survey please contact Ms. Desirée Brown, Special Assistant Community and Parent Relations at 202-741-0271 or by email at osse.spedparentsurvey@dc.gov.

Thank you, in advance, for your help in making the survey process a success.

Sincerely,

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