



# Office of the State Superintendent of Education

## ANNUAL SPECIALIZED EDUCATION PARENT SURVEY - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHY WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP:

- Your opinion is important and we want to know what you think!
- OSSE is committed to improving services, supports and parent engagement.
- This is a chance to **confidentially** inform OSSE of services that are helping families and recommend ways for improvement.
- Filling out this survey gives information to the OSSE about resources that can assist in areas of parent engagement.

### WHO SHOULD TAKE THE SURVEY?

Any parents or guardians of children who received special education services, in the District of Columbia, during school year 2011 – 2012 (August 2011 through June 2012) can complete the survey.

*Parents or guardians of children who attend a District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), a DC Public Charter School or who is in a private placement (Day School etc.) are eligible to complete the survey.*

### CAN YOU TAKE THE SURVEY MORE THAN ONCE?

No, if you have more than one child who received services, you should complete the survey on behalf of your oldest child.

### HOW CAN YOU TAKE THE SURVEY?

Complete the survey using one of the methods below: Surveys must be completed by December 14, 2012.

1. Computer – Go to <https://www.research.net/s/osse-spedparentsurvey> and complete the online survey.
2. Phone – Desirée Brown, Special Assistant Community and Parent Relations who is on staff with the Division of Specialized Education who will read the questions to you and type your answers into a computer at 202-741-0271 or schedule
3. Paper survey - Call Ms. Brown and ask for a paper copy. A paper copy can be emailed, faxed or mailed to your attention. If a copy is mailed, you will be provided with a pre-paid, pre-addressed envelope to return the survey.



### **WHO CAN HELP IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR REQUIRE ASSISTANCE WITH THE PARENT SURVEY?**

Ms. Brown is available to assist with the parent survey.

Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc., the District of Columbia's Parent Training and Information (PTI) Center is available to assist with the survey. AJE can be reached at 202-678-8060. You may visit their website at [www.aje-dc.org](http://www.aje-dc.org).

### **HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO TAKE THE SURVEY?**

The survey will be available online from Monday, October 22, 2012 through Friday, December 14, 2012. Faxed and emailed responses can be received through Friday, December 14, 2012.

Please note, the last date to request a mailed copy of the survey is Monday, December 3, 2012. This will allow for enough time for the survey to be mailed and for DSE to receive your completed survey. All mailed surveys must be postmarked by Wednesday, December 12, 2012 to be considered in the collection.

### **WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE SURVEY RESULTS?**

OSSE collects all the results and develops a summary. This summary is then used in the report OSSE must submit to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). The report will be submitted to OSEP by February 1, 2013. This report will be available for viewing on OSSE's website once it is finalized.

*The information you provide in the survey is confidential. OSSE will not share your name, address, student information etc. with OSEP or your child's school.*

Thank you for helping us to collect this information!

