



October 22, 2012

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Each year the US Department of Education (US DOE) Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) instructs the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) and our Division of Specialized Education (DSE) to ask parents about how satisfied with services and involved they are with their child's schools.

As the Assistant Superintendent for Specialized Education in the District of Columbia, I take very seriously our responsibility to provide quality services and supports to students with disabilities.

The survey is designed to collect information about your family's experiences with services offered by the District. *If you have more than one child received special education services, please complete this survey for your oldest child.*

Your responses will be confidential. OSSE collects this information and reports a summary to OSEP by February 1<sup>st</sup> of the next year. OSSE also uses this information to assist in areas of parent engagement and to improve on services. *No individual information (names, addresses etc.) will be shared about you and your child or with your child's school.*

Please find attached a list of frequently asked questions and next steps for your participation.

The survey can be completed beginning Monday, October 22, 2012 and will remain open until Friday, December 14, 2012. It is available online at: <https://www.research.net/s/osse-spedparentsurvey>.

If you have questions or need assistance in completing 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](mailto:osse.spedparentsurvey@dc.gov).

Thank you in advance for your participation and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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