

August 25, 2020

Dear Parents or Guardians,

This is a survey for families of students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) who received special education services during the 2019-2020 school year. Your responses will help to improve services and results for children and families.

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) collects this information and reports a summary of the results to the US Department of Education as a part of DC's Annual Performance Report, as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

By completing this survey you will help inform the training and resources OSSE provides for families regarding special education. OSSE will share a summary of the results from the survey with your child's school, but no individual information (names, addresses, contact information, etc.) will be shared about you and your child. Your responses are confidential.

You can complete the attached paper survey or complete it online by using the following link <u>surveymonkey.com/r/IDEAparentsurvey</u>. Please note you may skip any item that you feel does not apply to you or your child. This survey should take approximately 10 minutes of your time and will remain open until Monday, Dec. 28, 2020. If you have more than one child who received special education services, please feel free to complete a survey for each child.

If you have questions or need assistance in completing the survey, please contact Ms. Tanisha Brown, Director of Community Learning and School Support, at (202) 741-4699 or by email at Tanisha.Brown@dc.gov. Thank you in advance for your participation, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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OSSE has created a new back-to-school resource for families of students with disabilities. Visit <u>bit.ly/SPEDResourceHub</u> for answers to your questions about what you can expect this school year and how you can support your child.