



South Lyon Community Schools

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Dear Parent(s) & Guardian(s):

In the spring of each year, on behalf of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), Wayne State University (WSU) staff mail out surveys to families whose children use special education resources and services. The parent surveys and measurement scale have been developed by the National Center for Special Education Accountability Monitoring (NCSEAM) in cooperation with WSU. Wayne State University's (WSU) research team will deploy the following surveys for 2016:

1. Parent Survey on Facilitated Parent Involvement
2. Former Student Survey for students who left high school during 2014-2015 school year.

You should expect to receive pre-survey notifications in March, followed by survey administration from mid-March through August.

What is being measured?

- The 'students ages 6-26' survey looks at the *School's Efforts to Partner with Parents*
- The 'children ages 3-5' survey looks at the *School's Partnership Efforts and Quality of Services*

What are the survey results being used for?

- Michigan's State Performance Plan (SPP)
- The Michigan Department of Education's Continuous Improvement and Monitoring Systems' (CIMS) Review.

What parents should know?

- All parents of children with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), 3-5 years of age, receive a survey each year.
- The process used to gather this information is safe and confidential.
- All parents of students with IEPs (6-21 years old) in approximately one-third of the Local Education Agencies (LEAs) will be surveyed. So, all parents get a chance to respond once every three years.
- LEAs are local school districts such as West Bloomfield School District.

- Parents of children who receive special education services through the Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) will also have the opportunity to complete the survey.
- Parents are encouraged to complete the survey. Options for completing the survey are online, on paper and over the telephone
- Ask if you need help with the survey or understanding the results. Please see the WSU contact information below.

Parent Survey: 888-800-8865

Former Student Survey: 866-423-9312

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Toth".

Susan Toth
Director of Special Education