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Open Public Meeting for Special Ed Programs and Services

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The Piscataway Township School District is in the process of reviewing its special education policies, procedures and practices to ensure that it is meeting requirements and improving education results for all students with disabilities. As part of this process, the District is inviting parents, district personnel and members of the community to comment on its efforts. The open public meeting will take place on Jan. 7, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room of the Piscataway Administration Building located at 1515 Stelton Road, Piscataway.

The Office of Special Education in the New Jersey Department of Education is responsible for supervising the implementation of the Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 2004 and each district is required to participate in a self-assessment of their programs. Inviting the public to comment is an important part of this self-assessment and the discussion will focus on the strengths and needs for specific areas as determined by the United States Department of Education. These include:

Transition to Adult Life;

Performance on State Assessments for Students with Disabilities;

Placement in the Least Restrictive Environment;

Parent Involvement in the Special Education Process;

Disproportionate Representation of racial/ethnic groups in special education and in specific educational placements;

Evaluation and Reevaluation;

Individualized Education Programs; and

Programs and Services.

For more information and if you are planning on attending the meeting, please call 732-572-2289 x 2550, 2551, 2552.