

September 29, 2020

Dear Private School/Homeschool Colleagues,

The Special Education Department for the City Schools of Decatur (CSD) will host a ***Timely and Meaningful Consultation*** meeting on **Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** The meeting is the same with a repeat of the morning session in the afternoon for anyone who cannot participate in the morning session. Due to COVID-19 health and safety guidelines, our meeting will be held in a virtual format using the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Participants who are attending this meeting must sign up on the district's Google Form at least 24 hours prior to the meeting in order to receive the Zoom link to enter the meeting. To access the link to the sign up form after receiving this letter, visit <https://www.csdecaturnet.net/Page/3868> where this letter will also be posted.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the district's consultation process; to summarize the Child Find process for private schools; and to explain what proportionate share is, how it is calculated, and to determine how those funds will be allocated to provide services for students with disabilities who attend private schools or students who are homeschooled in the City Schools of Decatur attendance zone for the **2021-2022** (next) school year. Representatives from private elementary and secondary schools as well as parents of students with disabilities who attend a private school or are homeschooled in CSD's attendance zone are encouraged to attend this meeting. You are receiving this letter because you are considered a private school located within the CSD attendance zone or you are a parent of a CSD student attending a private school, or a parent of a CSD student attending homeschool. For the purposes of IDEA annual consultation, homeschools are considered "private schools."

Due to COVID 19 and schools closing abruptly in the Spring of 2020, the consultation group for 2020-2021 was not able to reach agreement on the use of proportionate funds for this current school year, specifically, whether to purchase the Learning Ally software program. Therefore, we are adding this topic to the agenda as well as consultation that is required for the CARES funds. We are also holding our IDEA consultation meeting in conjunction with Title 1 and CTAE to prevent having to hold multiple meetings which can create a burden on attendees.

Please consider this letter your official invitation to attend the Timely and Meaningful Consultation. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me Frances Holt, Executive Director of State & Federal programs at fholt@csdecaturnet.net or my designee for IDEA proportionate share services, Mr. Frank DeFilippo, Special Education coordinator at fdefilippo@csdecaturnet.net. We look forward to meeting with you soon.

Sincerely,

Frances Holt

Vision

*We will build the foundation for all children to be their best, achieve their dreams, and make the world
a better place.*

Executive Director of State & Federal Program
