

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Allow me express our school district's commitment to providing support to our student's and their families to achieve the best educational experience available. Our teachers, counselors, support staff and administrators will work with you and your child so that they are challenged to learn and grow into the best young men and women they can be.

Special Education issues can sometimes be hard to understand and deal with. In addition to the information our district can offer in person or on this site I offer to you a toll free number that may be of use to you. It is the Special Education ConsultLine sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). Should you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's education that you feel we are not addressing to your satisfaction, please dial 1-800-879-2301.

This line will deliver support for families and advocates of children with special needs about:

- School-related concerns
- Special education regulations
- Procedural safeguards
- General disability questions
- Access to dispute resolution and mediation

PDE also offers the same information on-line at odr.pattan.net.

Lastly, I want to assure you that if you are experiencing frustration with your child's progress at school, you are not alone. We are coordinating a parent support and informational group where parent may discuss similar experiences and share ideas and parenting solutions to help our students succeed to the best of their abilities. Information on this group called *Families for Families* will be available on this web site. Please call my office for information on our meeting dates. I will be looking for parents to play a leadership role to help meet our needs as students, families and educators.

I look forward to working with you to help our student grow to their highest potential.

Sincerely,

Mark M. Draskovich
Director of Pupil Services