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# Olmsted Falls City Schools Special Education Notices to Families

## ~ A Guide to Parents Rights in Special Education

The 33-page guide on procedural safeguards for parents, developed by the Ohio Department of Education's Office for Exceptional Children, contains the essential information for parents of children who are receiving – or may be qualified to receive – special education services. *A Guide to Parent Rights in Special Education* is available in 11 languages as well as in braille, large-print and compact disc formats. This replaces the former *Whose IDEA Is This?* This document and additional resources can be accessed electronically at:

http://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Special-Education/A-Guide-to-Parent-Rights-in-Special-Education/ODE ParentRights 040617.pdf.aspx

### ~Helping Hands Parent Leadership Council

Families of children with special needs are encouraged to join in this Olmsted Falls support group. The goal of the council is to support families as they learn ways to support their child in the school setting. Additionally, Helping Hands offers social and community events to build understanding of individual differences in our community. For additional information contact Helping Hands at HelpingHands@ofcs.net.

#### ~Medicaid to Schools Program

The Medicaid Schools Program (MSP) has been developed to include federal Medicaid matching funding for specific services provided by schools. Regardless of consent, services will still be implemented as indicated on the IEP. Billing by the District will not affect personal benefit of Medicaid services. Consent may be revoked at any time. For more information on Olmsted Falls' participation in the Medicaid to School program please contact Shannon M. Goss, Director of Student Services at <a href="mailto:sgoss@ofcs.net">sgoss@ofcs.net</a>

#### ~IEP Meeting Parent Survey

Olmsted Falls City Schools is continually seeking parent input of the IEP process. Please consider completing a short meeting survey. The link is <a href="http://goo.gl/forms/ezhJO5PinMOti8ET2">http://goo.gl/forms/ezhJO5PinMOti8ET2</a> or can be found on the District's Student Service web page.