



January 7, 2008

Dear Parent/Guardian:

In an effort to improve special education services in the District of Columbia, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education is seeking input from the community regarding the current special education service delivery process. Enclosed is a brief survey that will help to inform the special education reform efforts that are currently underway in the District of Columbia.

The enclosed survey will help provide the Office of the State Superintendent of Education with information about the experiences each child with special needs and each family has with the services offered by the District. We will use this information to guide our reform efforts to improve service delivery for every student with special needs served in the District of Columbia. If you have more than one child receiving special education services, please complete this survey for your oldest child.

Your response to the survey would be greatly appreciated by January 10, 2008. If you have any questions or if you need assistance in completing the survey form, please contact Karen Griffin at 202-442-5455.

If additional assistance is required due to language barriers, please contact Advocates for Justice and Education at 202-678-8060.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Deborah A. Gist'.

Deborah A. Gist
State Superintendent of Education

Enclosure