

BUFORD CITY SCHOOLS

Department of Special Education

To: *Home School or Private School Providers*
Buford, Georgia

Concerning: Students with disabilities enrolled in Home School or Private School

Dear Provider:

Because of a Georgia law passed during the 2002 session of the Georgia General Assembly, home schools are considered to be private schools for the purpose of providing special education services to students with disabilities as defined under federal law known as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). A detailed explanation sheet accompanies this letter.

Under current guidelines, Buford City Schools is required to allocate a proportionate share of the IDEA funds to provide some services to some students who have been placed or enrolled by their parents in private schools or home schools. In order to determine which services should be provided, which children should receive the services, and how/where the services should be provided by the public schools, we are required to consult with appropriate representatives of the private/home school children. Toward this end, I am asking for your assistance and input.

Please complete the information form and submit via fax or U.S. mail. If your home school student has been identified as having a disability or if you suspect that she/he has a disability. Buford City Schools has the responsibility to locate, evaluate, and identify all private school and home school children suspected of having a disability as defined under IDEA.

Sincerely,

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