

# MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

December 11, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I wanted to reach out again and request your support to complete the parent survey. The compliance monitoring audit conducted by the Bureau of Special Education has been modified from December, 2018 to April, 2019. All school districts who operate special education programs in Pennsylvania are monitored every six years. This monitoring will include a review of the special education programs and policies, staff and administrator interviews, file review, observations, surveys, and a self-assessment.

I need your assistance to make this a success for the Marple Newtown School District. On the attached letter, there is a link to complete a parent survey and student survey (if your child is 14 years of age or older). The Bureau of Special Education and I would like to hear your opinions about the special education services within the Marple Newtown School District. The survey should take roughly 15-20 minutes to complete. Please complete the survey **no later than 2/22/19**.

If you require use of a computer to complete the survey, please call 610-359-4217 and accommodations will be made to support your request.

For easy reference, here are the links for the surveys:

## Parent Survey

<http://apps.leadervservices.com/ParentSurvey>

## Student Survey (if your child is 14 years of age or older)

<http://apps.leadervservices.com/StudentSurvey>

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please do not hesitate to call 610-359-4217 or email @ [hlogue@mnsd.org](mailto:hlogue@mnsd.org).

Thank you for your time and commitment to our special education students within the Marple Newtown School District!

Sincerely,

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**STAY STRONG**

**FINISH STRONG**



Marple Newtown

Dear Parent,

The Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education (BSE), monitors all school districts and charter schools in the state at least once every six years to ensure that they are complying with federal and state regulations for special education. Your school district/charter school will be reviewed this year. As part of this monitoring, the BSE is seeking parent opinions about the special education services being provided. In addition to surveying parents, we are also interested in hearing directly from students about their educational experience. If your child is 14 years of age or older we invite them to complete a student survey. Although parents and students 14 years of age or older are not required to participate in the survey, the BSE encourages them to do so.

To complete the parent survey, parents should go online at <http://apps.leadingservices.com/ParentSurvey>. To complete the student survey, students should go online at <http://apps.leadingservices.com/StudentSurvey>. If you do not have a computer, most public libraries have equipment available for public use. You may also request to use a computer to complete the survey from your school district/charter school or the intermediate unit that serves your area. Each survey is easy to complete and should take 15-20 minutes. An outside agency tabulates the results and provides the school district/charter school and the BSE with a report of how parents and students responded to the questions on an overall basis. Names are not used, and no one is identified. Parents and students must complete the survey **no later than 2/22/2019**. All surveys received by 2/22/2019 will be considered in the BSE monitoring review process.

Should you have any questions about either of these surveys, or if you or your son/daughter need help completing it, you may contact the School District/Charter School Director of Special Education, or the Special Education Consultline toll free at 1-800-879-2301.

Thank you so much for taking the time to provide us with input. The results will assist the BSE in planning with your school district/charter school for future training and improvement activities.

Sincerely,

Ann Hinkson-Herrmann, Director



Marple Newtown

Estimado padre:

El Departamento de Educación de Pennsylvania, Oficina de Educación Especial (BSE por sus siglas en inglés), supervisa a todos los distritos escolares y escuelas chárter del estado por lo menos una vez cada seis años para asegurar que están cumpliendo con las leyes federales y estatales de la educación especial. Su distrito escolar/escuela chárter será monitoreada este año. Además de la encuesta de los padres, estamos interesados en escuchar directamente de los estudiantes acerca de sus experiencias educativas. Si su hijo(a) tiene 14 o más años de edad lo invitamos a que complete una encuesta para estudiantes. Aunque no es obligatorio que los padres y los estudiantes de 14 o más años participen en la encuesta, la BSE les recomienda que la completen.

Para completar la encuesta de los padres, visite <http://apps.leaderservices.com/ParentSurvey>. Para completar la encuesta de los estudiantes, visite <http://apps.leaderservices.com/StudentsSurvey>. Si no tiene computadora, la mayoría de las bibliotecas públicas cuentan con equipos disponibles para uso público. También puede solicitar el uso de una computadora para completar la encuesta a su distrito escolar/escuela chárter o la unidad intermedia que brinda servicios en su área. La encuesta es fácil de completar y sólo le tomará de 15 a 20 minutos. Un grupo externo tabula los resultados y brinda al distrito escolar/escuela chárter y a la BSE un informe de cómo respondieron los padres a las preguntas de manera general. No se utilizan nombres y nadie es identificado. Los padres deben completar la encuesta **antes del 2/22/2019**. Todas las encuestas recibidas antes del 2/22/2019 serán consideradas en el proceso de monitoria de la BSE.

Si tiene preguntas sobre las encuestas mencionadas, o si usted o su hijo(a) necesitan ayuda para completarlas, puede llamar al Director de Educación Especial del distrito escolar/escuela chárter, o llamar gratis a la Línea de Consulta de Educación Especial, al 1-800-879-2301.

Gracias por tomarse el tiempo de brindarnos su opinión. Los resultados ayudarán a la BSE a planificar con su distrito escolar/escuela chárter las actividades de mejora y capacitación futuras.

Sinceramente,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Hinkson-Herrmann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end.

Ann Hinkson-Herrmann, Directora