



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Dear Parent/Guardian,

You have been selected to participate in the 2013-2014 Connecticut Special Education Parent Survey. Information from this statewide survey will be used to monitor parent engagement as a way to improve services and results for Connecticut students with disabilities. It should only take 10-15 minutes to complete the survey so "thank you," in advance, for helping in this way.

All of your responses will be kept strictly confidential. Only an independent evaluator (Glen Martin Associates) will have direct access to this information. The responses will be combined and there will be no identification of individuals. Only school districts will be identified and this is only to ensure that responses represent the demographics of Connecticut as a whole.

**You may complete the attached paper survey or complete it online. The online survey can be found at <http://bit.ly/CTparent1314> and should only take 10-15 minutes to complete. All you will need is the six digit number located in the upper right hand corner on page 1 of the enclosed paper survey. This number is specific to your child's name on the survey envelope.**

**Please complete the survey according to your experiences with the child identified on the front of your survey envelope.** If you have more than one child with a disability, you may receive additional surveys in the mail so that you can complete the paper or online survey for the other children. In every case, there is a separate six digit number on the survey for each child's name on the survey envelope.

The survey questions ask about your experiences during the past 12 months. At the end of the survey there is also a comment area where you can provide additional information, including comments about prior experiences concerning the special education program of the child who is listed on the survey envelope. **If you are a foster parent and your child was appointed a surrogate parent, please complete the survey together.**

If you complete the paper survey instead of the online version, please return the completed survey in the enclosed prepaid envelope to Glen Martin Associates (address is pre-printed on the envelope). **If you have any questions about the survey, please call Marcus E. Rivera, Education Consultant, CT State Department of Education, 860.713.6932 or by e-mail at [marcus.rivera@ct.gov](mailto:marcus.rivera@ct.gov). If you need assistance completing the survey, please contact the Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center (CPAC) at 1.800.445.CPAC or by e-mail at [cpac@cpacinc.org](mailto:cpac@cpacinc.org).** All CPAC services are free for parents and all information is kept confidential.

Thank you for your participation! As a special "Thank You" for completing the survey, CPAC is making available a free packet of educational materials. Information about how to receive this packet is at the end of the online version of the survey, and is also included in the enclosed materials. Thank you for helping to improve the opportunities and outcomes for Connecticut's students with disabilities!

Sincerely,

Marcus E. Rivera  
Education Consultant  
Bureau of Special Education

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