

Dear Parent and Student,

Enclosed please find a letter from the Pennsylvania Department of Education regarding surveys which we'd like you to complete for our cyclical monitoring scheduled for this school year.

As you can see, the original "due date" was September 22, 2023, however, our audit date has changed and the survey window has been extended. Please read the letter and follow the instructions to complete the survey as soon as possible.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.



Northwest Area SD

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 monitored 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 9/22/2023**. All surveys received by 9/22/2023 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 needs 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carole L. Clancy".

Carole L. Clancy, Director