

Brandywine Special Needs PTA invites you to attend our next meeting

**A meeting
you won't want
to miss!**

IEP Changes Coming Next Year: What You Need to Know

**Wednesday
April 16, 2008**

6:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M.

**Harlan
Elementary School**

3601 Jefferson Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19802

Featured Speaker

Brian Touchette

Department of Education

Are you aware of the changes coming to Special Ed next year? Do you understand that short term goals will no longer be included in IEPs for most students? Do you know how an IEP will need to be written to appropriately specify services and track progress? Even the IEP form itself will be replaced with a brand new version which will be available online in the future to parents through eSchool.

Brian Touchette from the Department of Education (DOE) will introduce the new IEP form and break down new information that was approved under the Reauthorization of IDEA. Brian is the subject matter expert from DOE who has been training District staff on the changes so this meeting gives you the opportunity to hear it from the source. Brian is always one of our most popular and engaging speakers because he really knows his subject and is a great resource for Q&A.

Everyone involved in the education of students with disabilities, parents, teachers—both general ed and special ed, and staff, will all benefit from attending this meeting because we all participate as equal members of the IEP team. Older students, who can and should be participating in their own IEP meetings, are strongly encouraged to attend too!

We'll cover other areas of change beyond the IEP. Beginning next year, new regulations on Response to Intervention (RTI) specify the minimum frequency and duration of certain services for struggling students. You need to understand how these changes will affect your student(s).

If you've ever left a meeting wondering if the IEP was the best possible blue print for your student's success, you need to attend this meeting to better understand how to write an appropriate IEP that will ensure student progress. Parents and teachers—our children are counting on us. We can't let them down. We can and will make next year's IEP better!

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