



**State of Wisconsin
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

State Superintendent's Council on Special Education

Announcement

Public Forum on Special Education in Wisconsin

May 13, 2008

The State Superintendent's Council on Special Education is pleased to announce it will hold, as part of its May meeting, a public forum to obtain broad based input on special education. This public forum will be held May 13th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Comfort Suites – Appleton Airport (3809 West Wisconsin Avenue, Appleton, 888/522-9472).

The purpose for this forum is to gather public input on the unique challenges and successes of special education in Wisconsin. Information gathered will be used by the council in advising the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) on matters affecting the education of Wisconsin's children and youth with disabilities. In particular the council is interested in gathering input on the following topics; however the council is receptive to hearing about any topic upon which people may choose to comment:

- Parent education and parent partnerships: statewide needs
- Cross-categorical programming
- Student mental health issues: needs and responses

The mission of the council is to promote the education of children with disabilities by providing broad-based input to DPI. The council is comprised of adults with disabilities, parents of children with disabilities, regular and special education teachers, school administrators and school board members, as well as representatives of various agencies that provide services to the school age children and youth with special education needs.

Interested parties are urged to attend, and share their experiences. For more information, contact Patricia Yahle, Council Chairperson, at Milwaukee Public Schools, P.O. Box 2181, Milwaukee, WI 53201-2181; 414/475-8608; or yahlepa@mail.milwaukee.k12.wi.us; or Council Vice-Chairperson, Julie Lidbury, at Department of Corrections, P.O. Box 8930, Madison, WI 53708-8930; 608/240-5923; or Julie.lidbury@doc.state.wi.us.