

## **Public Notice for Parents of Students with Exceptionalities:**

All responsible public agencies are required to locate evaluate, and identify children with exceptionalities who are under the jurisdiction of the agency, regardless of severity of the exceptionality, including children attending private schools, highly mobile children, such as migrant and homeless children, and children who are suspected of having a disability and in need of special education even though they are advancing from grade to grade.

Leavenworth USD 453 assures it will provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to all exceptional students residing within the school district boundaries. This includes special education and related services provided in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and state laws for all students with exceptionalities (0-21 years of age). Services are provided in each child's neighborhood school when possible.

Leavenworth USD 453 schools offer developmental screening for children from birth to age 5. If you live in the Leavenworth USD 453 district boundaries and have a child from birth to age 5 and you have concerns about his or her development, please contact the Leavenworth Board of Education, Special Services Department at (913)-684-1400 to schedule an appointment for screening.

There are other rights, which by federal and state laws are afforded to you and your exceptional child. A copy of these rights may be obtained free by contacting the address or phone number below.

If you have a child who you feel may be in need of special education service(s), please contact your child's building administrator or Leavenworth USD 453 Special Services Department, 200 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Leavenworth, KS 66048 –Phone (913) 684-1400.