Dear Parents:

You are an important member of your child's educational team. As a parent, you have valuable knowledge of your child which is important to the planning process. You are an equal partner on the educational team, and school staff desire to work closely with you building positive school relationships. Developed and nurtured early, these relationships lead to a strong network of support for your child's success.

We at the Orange Unified School District encourage you to visit the classroom to see your child's program. Communicate often with the teacher as your child's skills and behaviors change. Attend teacher conferences and, if unable to keep designated appointments, notify staff as soon as possible. Attend PTA, Community Advisory Committee (CAC) trainings, and other school functions.

You play an important role in the education of your child. Share your views in a positive manner and expect the staff to maintain open communication with you in return. The planning and implementation of your child's educational program will be greatly enhanced by your involvement.

This handbook was created to help you understand the special education process. It is our hope that it will assist you to become an active and informed participant in your child's education.

Sincerely,

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