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Dear Families,

In the week of May 13, 2024, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)'s Office of Public-School Monitoring will conduct a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of Westport Community Schools.

On Thursday, March 7, 2024, the review chairperson will attend the SEPAC Zoom meeting to offer a general overview of the process and address any questions from parents of special education students. This meeting will be held at the Westport Middle High School cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.

What is the Tiered Focused Review?

The Office of Public-School Monitoring conducts visits to each district and charter school every three years to assess compliance with federal and state special education and civil rights regulations. Key areas of review related to special education include student assessments, determination of eligibility, the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team process, and IEP development and implementation. Civil rights-related areas include bullying, student discipline, physical restraint, and equal access to school programs for all students.

In addition to the onsite visit, parent outreach is an important part of the review process. The review chairperson will send an online survey to all parents of students with disabilities, focusing on key areas of their child's special education program. Your valuable input is essential to this process. To ensure you receive the survey, please contact the Special Education Office if there have been any changes to your contact information. We want to hear from every parent in the Westport Community Schools, and your voice matters in shaping the future of our special education initiatives.

Thank you for your collaboration and commitment to the success of our students.

Sincerely

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