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From: Jennifer Hulse
Executive Director of Special Services

To: Parents of students attending Private Schools and/or Homeschools and Private School Representatives in Santa Fe, TX

Dear Parents and Private School Representatives,

Santa Fe Independent School District (SFISD) Special Services Department would like to invite all parents of students with disabilities who are homeschooled, along with representatives of any non-profit private schools in the Santa Fe ISD attendance zone, to attend an informational meeting session on **Wednesday, September 18, at 4:30 via Zoom**. Below is the link and passcode to the meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting: Private/Homeschool Information Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96478951184?pwd=2NuJxD8PkBwt5NQty0Ot4EuMcZ6jES.1&from=addon>

Meeting ID: 964 7895 1184

Passcode: 510084

Areas of discussion:

- **Child Find:** The Special Services' Department is responsible for Child Find and we are looking forward to working with you this year. Posters and/or flyers are available for parent information and for posting within private schools, day care centers, churches, doctor's offices, etc. so that parents of students who do not attend Santa Fe ISD schools are aware of our services and the opportunity to have a full and individual evaluation.
- **Funding:** The amount of proportionate share funds differs slightly from year to year. We will provide information on how this amount is calculated each year to determine the amount allotted to the school district to provide these services.
- **Services agreed upon:** Services offered also may differ from year to year, but typically include speech therapy for students who qualify as having speech impairment.

- **Parent Information Sessions:** Parent information is available through a variety of information sessions. A list of these information sessions, including dates and topics for 2024-2025 school year, will be posted on the [SFISD website](#). We will begin these sessions in October 2024, and they will be scheduled between 11:30AM-12:30PM via Zoom. We will offer 4 sessions throughout the school year (2 each semester.) The Zoom links will be provided on the schedule for you to attend these sessions virtually. All who are interested are welcome to attend and if you would like to hear information on a particular topic you can email your requests to Jennifer.hulse@sfisd.org by September 25, 2024. We invite all recommendations to ensure we meet your training needs.

All parents and staff who work with students with disabilities are welcome to attend all parent information sessions. It is not necessary that attendees be residents of Santa Fe, TX.

- **Evaluations and ARDs/Service Plans:** ARDs/Service Plans must be scheduled at a mutually convenient time and place. If the time requested is not convenient, please request another time or date, and we will attempt to meet your needs. Whenever possible, we schedule ARDs as requested, unless parents or required staff members are unavailable to meet at that time.

Students with disabilities who attend homeschool or non-profit private schools may be eligible for a service plan, which does not require the student to be in attendance in public school.

As always, I greatly appreciate your collaboration and suggestions for improvement, and I am looking forward to our meeting. If you have any questions please let us know or if you need any other information/assistance, please call the SFISD Office of Special Services, at 409-925-9050.

Sincerely,

