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**Subject:** The New Statewide Individualized Education Program (IEP) Form

Dear Families:

In early 2023, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education released a new Individualized Education Program (IEP) form to be used in schools and districts across the state beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. Your student's education team is committed to providing the best possible supports and services for your student's educational journey, and our use of the new IEP form is designed to enhance that commitment.

This new statewide IEP form helps teams to more effectively address the needs of students eligible for special education services. The revised form focuses attention on gathering complete information about your student's strengths, challenges, and individualized goals to develop a more personalized education plan for your student.

We believe that our use of the new statewide IEP form will offer several benefits to you and your student. Some of the key advantages include:

- **Enhanced Collaboration:** The form promotes better communication and collaboration between you, your student's teachers, and the IEP team. It encourages a better understanding of your student's unique needs, allowing for improved support strategies.
- **More Clarity and Consistency:** The revised form is designed to ensure clarity and consistency in the IEP process and in the implementation of state and federal requirements. This consistency will facilitate smoother transitions between grade levels, and it is particularly designed to help students with disabilities to transition to post-high school life.
- **Comprehensive Documentation of the Program:** The new IEP form offers a more detailed framework for documenting your student's progress,

accommodations, and services. This will support better tracking of your student's achievement and provide valuable information for future evaluations and assessments.

We will be discussing the school's transition to the new IEP at the upcoming SEPAC meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> through Zoom at 6pm. The Zoom link for this meeting will be emailed to you directly a few days before the meeting date. Please feel free to reach out to me using the contact information listed below if you have any immediate questions or concerns regarding the implementation of the new statewide IEP form. We value our partnership in your student's education, and we look forward to working together to support your student's educational needs.

For more information about the new statewide IEP form, please visit the state webpage at:

<https://www.doe.mass.edu/sped/improveiep>

The "What Parents Need to Know About the New IEP Quick Reference Guide" link found at the webpage above would be a helpful resource to review for additional information. The link below will take you to the Quick Reference Guide:

<https://www.doe.mass.edu/sped/ImproveIEP/info-for-parents.pdf>

For general special education parent information, please visit:

<https://www.doe.mass.edu/sped/parents.html>

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support.

Very Truly Yours,  
  
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