

## **Child Find Notice**

*Mohawk Local Schools is committed to the Child Find process, a continuous effort to locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities who are in need of special education and related services.*

*Child Find is mandated by federal and state law to ensure that all eligible children receive a **free and appropriate public education (FAPE)** and the necessary support to succeed in their academic and social development.*

### **What is a disability?**

*For the purpose of Child Find, a disability is defined as:*

- **Ages Birth to 3:** *A physical or mental condition that may result in a developmental delay.*
- **Ages 3 to 5:** *A documented deficit in one or more developmental areas, such as communication, vision, hearing, motor skills, social-emotional/behavioral functioning, self-help skills, and/or cognitive skills.*
- **Ages 5 to 21:** *Identification with one or more specific conditions, including autism, deaf-blindness, hearing impairment, mental retardation, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, emotional disturbance, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, and/or visual impairment.*

### **How can you help?**

*If you are aware of a child who may have a disability and is not currently receiving services, we encourage you to notify the school district. Parents, guardians, relatives, childcare providers, public and private agency employees, physicians, and concerned citizens are encouraged to assist in this process.*

### **What happens next?**

*The school district will contact the child's parents to discuss the next steps in the evaluation and identification process, which is provided at no cost to the family.*

*If you suspect a child may have a disability contact Mohawk Local Schools:*

#### **Mohawk Local Schools**

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