



LOCAL TASK FORCE MEETING

Right to Education & Advocacy

Reviewing purpose, governance, team composition, and strategic priorities for regional special education support.

ABOUT LINCOLN INTERMEDIATE UNIT 12

Lincoln Intermediate Unit 12 is a regional educational service agency serving public school districts, nonpublic schools, charter schools and the communities of the 25 school districts in Adams, Franklin and York counties. Established in 1971 by the PA General Assembly, regional educational service agencies provide cost-effective, management-efficient programs and serve as liaisons between school districts and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

LIU12 provides a range of programs and services for our customers and partners including: business services, educational technology services, professional development, training and consultation, preschool through postsecondary services for students with special education needs, human resources support, strategic communications services and more.



PARC v. PA Historical Context

The 1972 Right to Education Agreement

This agreement established plans for the Identification, Location and Evaluation of students with disabilities as well as plans for the Education and Training of students with disabilities. In addition the Right to Education Agreement established due process procedures across Pennsylvania. It created 29 Local Task Forces (one per Intermediate Unit) to enforce the spirit and intent of the agreement locally.



**COLLABORATING THROUGH
COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION:
NAVIGATING SPECIAL EDUCATION AT THE LOCAL LEVEL**

Best Practice Recommendations for the
Intermediate Unit (IU) and the Local Task Force (LTF)

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

METHODS

- Provide an easy-access link to a webpage dedicated to the LTF that reads "Parent Support Group"
- The LTF webpage should:
 - Be clearly titled "Parent Support Group of Children with Disabilities – The Right to Education Local Task Force"
 - Provide up-to-date information about meeting logistics and topics of discussion

COMMUNICATION

CONNECTIONS

- Develop a networking system for members, agencies, and interested parties to share information via email
- Disburse information to LEAs through IU/LEA Liaison meetings
 - Ask LEAs to provide information about the LTF to parents
 - Encourage LEAs to post or link LTF information on their websites

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METHODS

- Provide a "safe environment" that allows parents to share and receive guidance on concerns
- Provide a sense of collaboration, positive problem-solving, and solution-based design in a global environment
- Provide up-to-date information to the IU for posting on the LTF webpage
- Use social media to inform members

CONNECTIONS

- Coordinate with special education agencies to become part of the LTF membership consortium and to share information from their organizations
- Provide advocacy to parents that seek these supports
- Provide parents with contacts for advocacy organizations that can assist them in obtaining supports

INTERMEDIATE UNIT

COLLABORATION

- Develop a formative, positive working relationship by creating a channel of communication between the IU and the LTF to discuss issues and concerns

MEETINGS

- Provide the physical and technical set-up for in-person, virtual, and hybrid meetings, including supplying virtual links to the LTF

COORDINATION

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COLLABORATION

- Develop a formative, positive working relationship by creating a channel of communication between the IU and the LTF to discuss issues and concerns
- With LEA approval, offer training opportunities to teachers and paraprofessionals that represent their IU regions
- Develop training sessions for the LTF meetings

MEETINGS

- Organize/schedule LTF meetings for the school year (minimum of five meetings per year), including requests for virtual links
- Work collaboratively with IU staff that provide support to the LTF for meeting notices, minute taking, and disbursement of information to the LTF members

State Task Force (STF)

Statewide Compliance: Oversees systemic educational compliance and ensures uniform adherence across Pennsylvania.

Policy Coordination: Works directly with PaTTAN and the Bureau of Special Education to clarify policies and guidance.

Local Task Forces (LTFs)

Regional Advocacy: Embedded in each Intermediate Unit region to resolve local special education concerns.

Community Collaboration: Connects parents, school district leaders, and county disability administrators.

Current LTF Composition & Roles

Role Category	Required Representative	Current Appointee / Status
Intermediate Unit Rep	IU Executive Director or Designee	Dr. Jennifer Leese Act Active
School District Rep	Representative Superintendent / Designee	Jamie Malloy (Eastern York SD) Act Active
Consumer Representative	Parent or Individual with Disability	Liz Jones (Parent) Act Active
County MH/ID Administrator	County MH/ID Designee	Open Representative Re Recruiting
Arc Representative	Local Arc Chapter Designee	Open Representative Re Recruiting

Membership & Meeting Guidelines

Voting Membership Eligibility: Individuals become eligible for voting membership upon attending 2 LTF meetings within the current school year (STF September 2015 Rule).

Consumer Leadership Rule: The LTF Chair or Vice-Chair **MUST** be a consumer (parent/family member). Term limit is 4 consecutive years unless exception is granted by STF.

Public Comment Protocol: All meetings are open to the public. Public comment period is limited to 3 minutes per speaker. Agenda items must be submitted 5 days prior.

Reporting & Minutes: Approved minutes are sent electronically to the STF Chair. Minutes must include a dedicated section for State Task Force updates.

Core Duties & Responsibilities



Parent & Public Training

Assist in educating parents, teachers, and community members regarding special education rights and local services.



Systemic Advocacy

Refer systemic issues to LEAs, Intermediate Units, or the Bureau of Special Education Adviser for resolution.



Monitoring & Surveys

Participate as peer monitors in BSE cyclical reviews and conduct standardized parent satisfaction surveys.

Individual Advocacy Escalation

Step 1: Local Level

Refer parent or guardian directly to the designated School District or Intermediate Unit representative first.

Step 3: STF Review

Contact the STF Chairperson to determine administrative action with Deputy Secretary or full State Task Force review.

Step 2: BSE Adviser

If unresolved, escalate the issue to the Special Education Adviser assigned to the LEA within the Bureau of Special Education.

Local Task Force Meeting Calendar

Upcoming Meeting Dates

August 27, 2026: Purpose, governance review, recentering priorities & role leads.

November 12, 2026: Parent training planning & community resource updates.

February 11, 2027: Review of IU & school district special ed plans and budgets.

April 29, 2027: Parent survey planning & year-end progress monitoring.



2026–2027 State Task Force Schedule

State Meeting Event	Scheduled Date	Meeting Time
STF Fall Session - September	Wednesday, September 23, 2026	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
STF Evening Session - November	Tuesday, November 17, 2026	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
STF Winter Session - December	Wednesday, December 2, 2026	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
STF Spring Evening Session - April	Tuesday, April 20, 2027	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
STF Annual Wrap-Up - May	Wednesday, May 19, 2027	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM



MISSION

VALUES
Lincoln Intermediate Unit 12 supports our partners, customers and students to realize their greatest potential through quality, innovative solutions and services.

VISION

The provider of choice for comprehensive service, support and solutions.



Communication

We encourage two-way communication through dialogue among ourselves, our partners and our customers.

Collaboration

We collaborate by trusting ourselves, our partners, and our customers to co-create solutions.

Expertise

We develop the expertise of ourselves, our partners and our customers in order to achieve equitable outcomes.

Innovation

We are agile in our services as we lead the way to find solutions for ourselves, our partners and our customers.



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