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Re: Preschool IDEA Monitoring & Supportive Technical Assistance Review (STAR)

Dear Mechanicsburg Preschool Families,

At Mechanicsburg Preschool, we are dedicated to providing high-quality, inclusive special education services and supports for our early learners. As part of our ongoing commitment to quality and compliance, our preschool special education program is participating in the Preschool IDEA Monitoring Process, specifically the Supportive Technical Assistance Review (STAR). We are writing to share what this monitoring review involves.

STAR is a collaborative monitoring process designed to review preschool special education programs under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Rather than assessing individual children, the STAR review evaluates administrative procedures, classroom practices, and program systems to ensure our school meets state and federal special education standards. The review focuses on key operational areas:

- Individualized Education Programs (IEPs): Ensuring student goals, accommodations, and services are appropriately developed and implemented.
- Least Restrictive Environment (LRE): Evaluating opportunities for children with special needs to learn and grow alongside their peers in inclusive settings.
- Family Engagement: Gathering feedback from parents and guardians to measure program quality, collaboration, and communication.

The STAR process evaluates overall program compliance, record documentation, and system performance—it does not involve testing your child. Parent notification is an essential part of the STAR review process as we refine our instructional practices, resources, and support services for all early childhood learners.

If you have any questions regarding the Preschool IDEA STAR Monitoring Review or our special education services, please feel free to contact our office or your child's team.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support of our preschool community.

Warmly,

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