November 23, 2026

To: Guardians of Preschool Students Receiving Special Education Services
From: Westlake City Schools
Subject: Notification of Preschool IDEA Supportive Technical Assistance Review (STAR)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to inform you that our educational agency has been selected by the Ohio Department of Children and Youth Preschool Special Education (DCY PSE) team to participate in the Preschool Individuals with Disabilities Education ACT (IDEA) Supportive Technical Assistance Review (STAR) during the 2026-2027 school year.

What is the STAR Process?
The Supportive Technical Assistance Review is a collaborative self-assessment process developed by the state of Ohio to help school districts and educational agencies evaluate their preschool special education programs. Participating in STAR allows our administrative and early childhood leadership teams to review our internal procedures, ensure full compliance with state and federal special education regulations, and identify opportunities to further strengthen our services for young learners.

Why did Westlake get selected?
Approximately every 6 years districts who receive federal funds are selected to participate in an IDEA review process.

Parent Questions and Agency Contact Information
Family engagement and open communication are vital components of our early childhood special education program. If you have questions, feedback, or concerns regarding the STAR process or your child's preschool special education services, please contact our designated agency leads:

Jane Perry, Director of Student Services
Email: perryj@wlake.org
Phone: 440-260-1266

Bailey Morres, Special Education Supervisor
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Phone: 440-250-1241

Written comments may be mailed to Westlake City Schools, 24365 Hillard Blvd, Westlake, OH 44145 (Attn: Bailey Morres). The Ohio Department of Children & Youth Preschool Special Education team will be accepting comments throughout the 2026-2027 school year.

Please Note: Comments submitted do not constitute a formal complaint. For information regarding your rights and the formal complaint process, contact the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce at 1-877-644-6338. Information submitted will be considered during the review process.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to ensure the best outcomes for our youngest learners.



Dr. Scott Goggin
Superintendent