SARANAC CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Families:

The Committee on Special Education (CSE) is responsible for identifying students who have disabilities and arranging appropriate services and programs from ages 5-21. Saranac Central School District offers a broad continuum of services to ensure that all students are provided with the best possible educational experience.

If you suspect that your child may have a disability, please discuss these concerns with your child's teacher. If an evaluation is deemed necessary, your child will be referred to the CSE and with your consent our team of professional will perform a comprehensive evaluation. As a parent/guardian you plan an integral role in the CSE process. You will be asked to provide valuable information about your child, participate in a meeting to review the evaluation results, and consider program/service recommendations.

Additionally, if you have a preschool child and you are concerned about developmental delays, you may call the special education office to receive information regarding preschool evaluations and services. The Parent's Guide to Special Education in New York State for Children Ages 3-21 provides information on your rights regarding the referral and evaluation of your child for the purposes of special education services or programs. It can be accessed by going to www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/policy/parentsguide.pdf

Respectfully,

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