Schley County School System Asks Public to Help Locate Children with Special Needs

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Georgia Department of Education and the Schley County School System have an obligation under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to identify, locate, and evaluate all students with disabilities residing within the district who are in need of special education and related services from ages 0 through 21 years, regardless of the severity of their disability. Schley County Schools serve children, ages 3 through 21, with identified special education needs.

We are making every effort to locate all children residing in Schley County, including those children who are homeless, highly mobile, are wards of the State, detained or incarcerated in jails or correctional facilities, or are parentally-placed in private schools or home school/study program and may need special education consideration now or in the future. Many children are already receiving services, but we feel that there are many others who are not. Some disabled school-aged children may not be attending school because parents are not aware that there are special programs available.

We are asking for your help in locating disabled persons who are not receiving an education or who require special education services. A referral may be made by anyone who has a concern about a child’s development. All referrals are considered confidential, and the parent retains the right to refuse services.

To make a referral or obtain more information, please contact Jamie Sellars, Student Services Director, Schley County School System, at 229-937-2405 (extension 229), or email jamie.sellars@schleyk12.org.