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Elmira schools need parent volunteers for special education committees

Elementary Schools

Beecher
735-3500
Broadway
735-3600
Coburn
735-3650
Diven
735-3700
Hendy
735-3750
Fassett
735-3900
Pine City
735-3800
Riverside
735-3850

Middle Schools

Broadway
735-3300
Ernie Davis
735-3400

High Schools

Alternative High School
735-3350
Elmira Free Academy
735-3100
Southside
735-3200

Administration
735-3000

The Special Education Department of the Elmira City School District is now recruiting parents of children with special needs to serve as parent member volunteers as CSE – Committees for Special Education – members. CSE parent members are needed in the Elmira district to advocate for students diagnosed as being in need of special education services, and to serve as informed advocates for their parents. CSE meetings are mandated by state and federal law to ensure that all children who receive special education services have an interdisciplinary team approach to managing the students' individualized education plans. Parent members play an important role on these interdisciplinary committees safeguarding students' and parents' rights.

To qualify, a CSE member must be a parent who lives within the Elmira City School District and have a child who is receiving special education services, or who was receiving special education services within the past five years.

The next mandatory, one-time CSE parent member training is scheduled for April 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Broome-Tioga BOCES in Binghamton. At this workshop, participants will receive an overview of the special education process, including the laws and regulations. To register, contact Joyce Carr, Supervisor of Special Education, at jcarr@elmiracityschools.com or call 735-3085 during business hours.

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