



## Northern Lights Special Education Cooperative

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Date

Name/Address

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the obligations of the public school district to provide your child with special education services in a private school or homeschool setting. Under Minnesota law, a “nonpublic school” is defined to include state approved home schools and private schools (see Minn. Stat. 123B.41, subd. 9). Parents who chose to educate a child with a disability in a home school or a private school are making a private school placement.

The school district is obligated, upon request, to evaluate your child to determine special education eligibility. If your child is found eligible, the district will propose a plan of special education services. However, the school district has the right to determine the location of services. In addition, under federal law, schools are not obligated to provide a disabled home-schooled/private school child with special education benefits or services that are equal to the services that would be provided to public school children. The public school is required to consult with you to decide what services will be provided, how services will be provided, and how the services will be evaluated. You will be given the opportunity to express your views, however, the school district will make the final decisions with respect to the services provided.

Finally, the school district is required to develop an Individual Services Plan (ISP) that describes the specific special education and related services that the school district will provide. The school district is responsible for initiating and conducting meetings to develop, review and revise a services plan for your child. Procedural safeguards will be provided to you that explain the district’s obligation to locate, evaluate, identify, and reevaluate children with disabilities.

Sincerely,

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