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Dear Parents:

Welcome to the Bloomfield Hills School District! We are proud of our staff, programming and the community's commitment to excellence! It is vital that we all strive for academic excellence, opportunities that lead to possibilities for ALL students. As the director for the Department of Special Education, I personally believe that all students can learn and grow with good instruction.

The staff is determined to work on collaborative relationships with all stakeholders in the Individual Education Plan Team process. Parents know their child better than any other individual. Your voice at the table needs to be present and acknowledged for your advocacy. There may be times that the staff views an instructional support differently than another team member, but we strive to negotiate the "best" plan for each and every child.

The students that attend the Bloomfield Hills School District are able to access some of the most talented educational leaders in the nation. They are passionate about student growth and providing the best opportunities for every student. We follow the Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education (MARSE) that includes the following but not limited to: classroom instruction, consultation, ancillary support, adaptive equipment, comprehensive evaluations and specialized instruction. Bloomfield Hills School District is the host of two center based programs that service students from the 28 LEAs in Oakland County. Wing Lake Developmental Center supports students with developmental delays and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program (DHH) support students that are hearing impaired.

Services are provided to students ages birth to twenty-six years of age. Students are referred as early as within a few hours of their birth from hospitals or doctor's offices. Each child's plan is developed by a Multi-Discipline Evaluation Team that includes school psychologists, speech and language pathologist, social workers, teacher consultants, Oakland Schools ancillary support staff and many others important members.

If you have a concern about your child's development, please contact their teacher for the information. The building principal or counselor can also be of assistance to answer your questions. I look forward to meeting with parents to navigate the least restrictive environment and supports for their child.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Perrone
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