

Office for Dispute Resolution

March 2, 2009

RE: Due Process Hearing for Test Student File # 9772-08-09

Dear Parties:

The Office for Dispute Resolution has received a request for a due process hearing for the above student which appears to fall under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA 2004). As of July 1, 2005, IDEA 2004 has made significant changes to the procedures regarding due process hearings. We are enclosing a Fact Sheet that describes these changes. The important new first step is the party requesting due process must provide a copy of their request to the other side. Therefore, if you have not notified the other party of your request in writing, please do so without delay.

IDEA 2004 requires both sides to communicate and work together towards resolving the matter before going to a due process hearing. If resolution is not reached within 30 days, then the due process hearing may proceed. In response to our receipt of your request, a Hearing Officer has been assigned, and should be notified of any progress made towards resolving the matter. The Hearing Officer can be contacted at:

Hearing Officer

Phone:
Fax:

For more information, please visit our website at ODR.pattan.net. For general questions concerning mediation or due process, please feel free to contact me at 1-800-222-3353 ext. . For more information regarding parent's rights and understanding of the law, parents are encouraged to contact the Special Education ConsultLine, toll-free at 1-800-879-2301, to speak with a Specialist.

Sincerely,

Case Manager

Enclosures

Cc: