

Local Task Force on the Right to Education for Beaver County
News Letter
October, 2009

WHAT YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW

But Didn't Know Who To Ask

Agency Information:

- ✓ **Lunch and Learn** is an informational series on transition being offered by the **Local Task Force of the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit**. The sessions are scheduled between 12:00PM and 1:00PM by phone conferencing. You can access the session from any telephone by dialing 724-444-7444, the ID is #63349 followed by the # sign. Then, press 1 followed by the # sign. You are then connected to the live session. The first session is scheduled for 10/28/09. For additional information, contact you district's Director of Special Education or your high school Transition Coordinator.
- ✓ Parents who have a school age child entering school for the first time will need to complete a **new PUNS form in order to access funding. If your child participated in Early Intervention and is now entering kindergarten, you must complete a new PUNS form to continue funding.**
- ✓ The **Beaver County School Districts** in collaboration with **Bender Consult Services, Inc.** is sponsoring **National Disability Mentoring Day on Oct. 21st**. This is an opportunity for transition age students to pursue their career interests by touring a major corporation and interacting on a one-to-one basis with a mentor. Contact your district Director of Special Education or your high school Transition Coordinator for more information .

IEP Information:

- ✓ **IEP change effective October 8, 2009.** Section IV of the IEP (Participation In State and Local Assessments) has a new section referring to the PSSA-Modified for Math. There are guidelines for IEP Teams to consider when a student may be eligible to take the PSSA-Modified (PSSA-M). Contact your district's Director of Special Education for further information.

Resource Information:

- ✓ To access information about **disabilities and the H1N1 (Swine) flu** go to www.flu.gov.
- ✓ **Variety The Children Charity of Pittsburgh** is hosting a "**Happy Haunts**" Halloween Party on Oct. 17th at Freddie Café at Bayer Material Science Bldg. on Bayer Rd. in Robinson Twp. To register online, please visit <https://varietypittsburgh.org/HalloweenForm.aspx>.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's Special Education Plan or Special Education Services that you would like to have answered through this newsletter, please contact Diane DuFour-Gaudio, Training and Consultation Staff, Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit at 724-774-7800, ext 3031 or at ddg@bviu.org. You may also contact Mrs. Cheryl Mueller, Chairperson of the Local Task Force, at 724-643-6429. **Questions and concerns do not require that your name or your school district's name be given in order to get a reply.**

*If you are interested in receiving this news letter by email contact Judy Pamer at jpamer@achieva.info or 724-775-1602, ext 16.

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of the Local Task Force on the Right to Education for Beaver
We cordially invite you to attend our monthly meetings. The October 14th meeting will be held at
New Horizon School, 128 Friendship Circle, Beaver beginning at 10:00AM.
The Local Task Force is supported through the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit EOE.