

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

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To: All News Media

From: Lee County School District

RE: Public Announcement

**PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING PUBLICITY NOTICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

The Lee County School District is participating in an ongoing statewide effort to identify, locate and evaluate children birth through 21 who have a physical, mental, communicative and/or emotional disability. Early identification of children in need of special education experiences is most important to each child. Furthermore, this information gathered from contacts with parents and other agencies will be used to help determine present and future program needs as progress is made toward the goal of providing a free appropriate public education to all children with a disability.

Contact Kathy Dickerson, Child Find identifier for Lee County School District if you know of any Children who may have a disability by calling or writing to her at the following telephone number or address:

Kathy Dickerson, Lee County Schools, P.O. Box 832, Tupelo, MS 38802

(662) 841-9144

The Child Find identifier implements child identification, location and evaluation of children birth through 21, who have a disability, regardless of the severity of their disability, and who are in need of special education and/or related services. The Child Find identifier works with the local Head Start, human services, health and mental health agencies as well as local education agencies, physicians and other individuals to identify and locate children out of school and in school who may be in need of special education services.

Lee County has special education programs in our district which provide services to students who have physical, mental, communicative and/or emotional disability.