

Capistrano Unified School District
San Juan Capistrano, California

[Date]

[Parent's Name]
[Street]
[City], California [Zip]

Re: Serving Children with Disabilities Enrolled by Their parents in Private School - Triennial Assessment

Dear:

Capistrano Unified School District has developed a policy entitled *Policy for Serving Children with Disabilities Enrolled by Their Parents in Private School*. A copy of this policy is attached. This policy summarizes the federal law and regulations governing a school district's obligations to children with disabilities enrolled by their parents in private schools.

A school district's obligations to private school children with disabilities are limited. Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and its implementing regulations, *no private school child with a disability has an individual right to receive some or all of the special education and related services that the child would receive if enrolled in the public school system*. Rather, the federal law and regulations require school districts to:

- * Identify, locate and assess these children
- * Make a free appropriate public education available to these children
- * Develop an individualized educational program (IEP) if their parents express an interest in enrolling (or re-enrolling) their child in a public school
- * Implement the IEP if and when their parents enroll their child in public school.
- * Provide special education and related services to these children consistent with their numbers and needs using proportionate share of federal funding.

Pursuant to the CUSD's *Policy for Serving Children with Disabilities Enrolled by Their Parents in Private School*, your child is "a private school child with a disability" and does does not currently receive services pursuant to a Services Plan.

Your School district's obligation to identify, locate, and assess all children with disabilities includes the duty to triennially (i.e., every three years) assess your child and convene an IEP team meeting to determine his/her present levels of functioning and continuing eligibility for special education and related services. **Your child is due for his/her triennial assessment.**

Sincerely,

Encl.: *Parent Consent for Assessment/Reassessment (SpEd 5)*
Serving Children with Disabilities Enrolled by their Parents in Private School Notification of Parental Intent -- Triennial (SpEd 46)
Policy for Serving Children with Disabilities Enrolled by their Parents in Private School (SpEd 47)