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**ANNUAL NOTICE
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

**TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO RESIDE IN
CARBONDALE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

In compliance with state and federal law, notice is hereby given by the Carbondale Area School District that it conducts ongoing identification activities as part of its school program for the purpose of identifying students who may be in need of special education and related services. If your child is identified by the District as possibly being in need of such services, you will be notified of applicable procedures. Individualized services and programs are available for children who are determined to need specially designed instruction due to the following conditions:

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| 1. Autism/pervasive development disorder | 7. Multi handicapped |
| 2. Blindness or visual impairment | 8. Neurological impairments |
| 3. Deafness or hearing impairment | 9. Other physical impairments |
| 4. Development delay | 10. Physically disability |
| 5. Mentally gifted | 11. Serous emotional disturbance |
| 6. Mental retardation | 12. Specific learning disabilities |
| 13. Speech and language impairment | |

If you believe that your school age child may be in need of special education services and related programs, or your child (age 3 to school age) may be in need of early intervention, screening, and evaluation processes designed to assess the need of the child and his/her eligibility are available to you at no cost, upon written request. You may request screening and evaluation at any time whether or not your child is enrolled in the district's public school program. Requests for evaluation and screening are to be made in writing to: **Mrs. Heather Tolerico, Director of Special Education, Carbondale Area School District, 101 Brooklyn Street, Carbondale, PA 18407.**

For further information on the rights of parents and children, provisions of services, evaluation and screening (including purpose, time and location) you may contact in writing the person listed above or any building principal.

Confidentiality. All information about your child is subject to the confidentiality provisions contained in federal and state law. The District has policies and procedures in effect governing collection, maintenance, destruction, and disclosure to third parties of this information. For information about these policies and procedures, as well as rights of confidentiality and access to educational records, you may contact in writing the person named above or any building principal. PSSA, Keystone Exam, and PASA test booklets will be destroyed one year after student reports are delivered for the administration associated with the test booklets. PSSA and Keystone Exam answer booklets and PASA media recordings will be destroyed three years after completion of the assessment.

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In compliance with state and federal law, the Carbondale Area School District will provide to each protected handicapped student, without discrimination or cost to the student or family, those related aids, services or accommodations which are needed to provide equal opportunity to participate in and obtain the benefits of the school program and extra-curricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate to the student's abilities. In order to qualify as a protected handicapped student, the child must be of school age with a physical or mental disability, which substantially limits or prohibits participation in or access to an aspect of the school program.

These services and protections for "protected handicapped students" are distinct from those applicable to all eligible or exceptional students enrolled (or seeking enrollment) in special education programs.

For further information on the evaluation procedures and provisions of services to protected handicapped students contact Mrs. Heather Tolerico, Director of Special Education, at 570-282-2507.