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To: Flint Community Schools' Parents and Students, All Staff, and  
Community Agencies

From: Linda Thompson, Superintendent

Subject: Requirement to Make Public Flint Community Schools' Process for  
Determining the Existence of a Specific Learning Disability

## **District's Process for Determination of a Specific Learning Disability:**

In accordance with the Michigan Department of Education memorandum dated May 14, 2010, Districts must declare the process used to determine the existence of a Specific Learning Disability (**See link to Memorandum from MDE**). The Flint Community Schools process that will be used district-wide for determining the existence of a Specific Learning is a **Pattern of Strengths and Weaknesses**.

## **Pattern of Strengths and Weaknesses Process:**

The district uses a Pattern of Strengths and Weaknesses Process for determination of a Specific Learning Disability for all buildings and all grades in the district and includes the following:

1. The student does not achieve adequately for the student's age or to meet State-approved grade-level standards in one or more of the areas identified at 34 CFR §300.309 (a)(1)(i) when provided with learning experiences and instruction appropriate for the student's age or State-approved grade-level standards.
2. The student exhibits a pattern of strengths and weaknesses in performance, achievement, or both, relative to age, State-approved grade-level standards, or intellectual development, that is determined by the Multidisciplinary Evaluation Team (MET) to be relevant to the identification of a Specific Learning Disability, using appropriate assessments, consistent with the IDEA Evaluation Procedures and Additional Requirements for Evaluations and Reevaluations.

*The posting of this process will be kept current and will be amended when/if our process changes. We are currently in the process of further development of a Response to Scientific Research Based Interventions process. We will transition to this process when we are ready for full implementation.*