



# TROUP COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Troup County School System is excited to notify you about a new opportunity for your son/daughter to gain self-determination skills and be more involved in the development of their IEP (Individualized Education Plan) through an initiative called ASPIRE.

ASPIRE (Active Student Participation Inspires Real Engagement) is a student-led IEP initiative that builds self-determination skills in students with disabilities.

Self-determination is allowing a student to speak for themselves about strengths, weaknesses and goals which gives them a voice in their IEP meeting. With this ASPIRE process, the teacher will be guiding your child in activities that develop these self-advocacy and self-determination skills. Time is set aside to help your child understand the purpose and parts of his/her IEP document so they will have the knowledge needed to participate in the meeting.

We will be sending information about an ASPIRE parent introductory meeting soon to provide you with more information about this initiative, some of the ways your son or daughter may participate and to answer any questions that you may have.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your child's teacher,  
\_\_\_\_\_ or the Parent Mentor, Jodi Mazzolini at  
706-812-7939.

Sincerely,

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