

Lincoln Park Public Schools

Department of Special Services

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Making a Difference

An old man walked up a shore littered with thousands of starfish, beached and dying after a storm. A young woman was picking them up and flinging them back into the ocean.

"Why do you bother?" the old man scoffed.

"You're not saving enough to make a difference."

The young woman picked up another starfish and sent it spinning back into the water.

"Made a difference to that one," she said.

September 9, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As a component of the Department's effort to expand communication with our community of parents, I am continuing our Parent Advisory Council. This group will meet twice per year to provide feedback to the Superintendent and Board of Education on issues of importance to special education and at risk students in the Lincoln Park Schools. Meetings will be approximately an hour in length and are held in the morning before the start of school.

The group will include members from the community and staff. Anticipating that interest will outweigh membership slots, a lottery system will be employed to select participants. Parents with students in out of district placements will be included as well.

I am genuinely excited to have the opportunity to engage in a productive exchange of ideas on a regular basis with parents. Please return the attached interest form as soon as possible to:

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Parent/Guardian Name: _____ School Student attends: _____

(Please print)

Student name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Check if preferred contact

E-Mail: _____ Check if preferred contact

I am interested in participating in the Parent Advisory Council for the 2010-2011 School Year.