

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Merced County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) is seeking out all individuals with exceptional needs (IWENS) between birth and 21 years of age who reside in a district listed below:

Atwater Elementary School District (209) 357-6100	Los Banos Unified School District (209) 826-3801
Ballico-Cressey Elementary School District (209) 632-5371	Mcswain Elementary (209) 354-2700
Delhi Unified School District (209) 656-2000	Merced City Elementary School District (209) 385-6600
Dos Palos Unified School District (209) 392-0200	Merced River Union Elementary District (209) 358-5679
El Nido Elementary School District (209) 385-8420	Merced Union High School District (209) 385-6400
Gustine Unified School District (209) 854-3784	Plainsburg Union Elementary School District (209) 389-4707
Hilmar Unified School District (209) 632-8847	Planada Elementary School District (209) 382-0756
Le Grand Union Elementary School District (209) 389-4515	Snelling-Merced Falls Union Elementary School District (209) 563-6414
Le Grand Union High School District (209) 389-9403	Weaver Union School District (209) 723-7606
Livingston Union Elementary (209) 394-5400	Winton Elementary School District (209) 357-6175

Parents who believe their child may have a physical, academic, emotional, mental, speech or language disability should contact their local school district's Special Education Department.

Your local Special Education Office can assist you regarding referral procedures, parent/child rights under federal and state laws, identification procedures for students with exceptional needs, and the continuum of services that may be available.

Eligibility and services vary and are based on infant, pre-school, or school age levels. All age groups have search and serve requirements. For school age children enrolled in public education, a pupil shall be referred for special education programs and services only after the resources of the regular education program have been considered and utilized.

For children who reside in one of the listed districts but is enrolled in a private school, the parent should contact the private school as well as the district's Special Education Department to inquire about identification and/or services for students enrolled in a private school.