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INTERPRETERS FOR HEARING-IMPAIRED PARENTS

The Board recognizes that those parents with hearing impairments which prevent meaningful participation in their child's educational program must be afforded an opportunity equal to that afforded other parents to participate in meetings or activities pertaining to the academic and/or disciplinary aspects of their child's education. Accordingly, and pursuant to law, the BOCES will provide an interpreter for hearing-impaired parents for school-initiated academic and/or disciplinary meetings or activities including, but not limited to:

- Parent/teacher conferences
- Child/study or building level team meetings
- Planning meetings with school counselors regarding educational progress
- Career planning
- Suspension hearings or other conferences with BOCES officials relating to disciplinary actions

The BOCES will provide an interpreter for the hearing-impaired parent if a written request for the service has been submitted to and received by the BOCES within 10 working days prior to the scheduled meeting or activity. If an interpreter is unavailable, the BOCES will then make other reasonable accommodations which are satisfactory to the parents (e.g., notetaker, transcript, decoder, or telecommunication device for the deaf). These services will be made available by the BOCES at no cost to the parents.

The Board directs the District Superintendent to maintain a list of available interpreters and to develop procedures to notify parents of the availability of interpreter services, the time limitation for requesting these services, and of the requirement to make other reasonable accommodations satisfactory to the parents should an interpreter not be available.

Hearing-impaired parents are requested to submit the attached form to request accommodation of their disability.

Ref: Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§12131-12134
 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §794
 Education Law §3230
 8 NYCRR §100.2(aa)
Rothschild v. Grottenthaler, 907 F.2d 286 (2d Cir. 1990)

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Accommodation Request

Parents in need of interpreter services are asked to complete this form:

TO: District Superintendent

Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services
(Capital Region BOCES)

FROM: _____

Name

Address

Please identify the type of interpreter needed:

___ Interpreter for the Hearing Impaired: () American Sign; () English

In the event an interpreter is not available, please identify the type of alternative service preferred:

___ Written Communication

___ Transcripts

___ Decoder

___ Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD)

___ Other (please specify) _____

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INTERPRETERS FOR HEARING-IMPAIRED PARENTS EXHIBIT

Response to requests for accommodation

FROM: District Superintendent

Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services (Capital Region BOCES)

TO:

Name

Address

The Capital Region BOCES hereby:

_____ grants your request for accommodation of a hearing disability in accordance with Board Policy 1925;

_____ denies your request for accommodation of a hearing disability for the following reason:

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