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Press Release

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School District Seeks Volunteers To Help Special Education Students

September 28, 2009 (San Francisco) - The San Francisco Unified School District is recruiting volunteers to make a difference in the education of special needs children. These volunteers will act as a student's "surrogate parent" for educational issues and will help students who receive special education services.

Training will be provided on a variety of special education topics, including individualized education programs (IEP), parents' rights, and educational goals.

The school district assigns "surrogate parents" when no parent can be located or when juvenile court has specifically limited the right of parents or guardians to make educational decisions. Orientation and training will be provided to individuals or interested groups.

Two ways to apply:

- Call (415) 379-7642 or Fax (415) 750-8690 to inquire or arrange for a meeting.
- Email Carol Kocivar at KocivarC@sfusd.edu and ask for "Surrogate Parent" Information. (Please provide your name, address and phone number.)

You can find more information about the surrogate parent program on the San Francisco Unified School District web site. Just go to sfusd.edu and search "surrogate parent" in the upper right hand search box.

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