

## **INTERPRETERS FOR HEARING-IMPAIRED PARENTS**

It is the policy of the Board of Education to provide hearing impaired parents and individuals in parental relation equal opportunity for meaningful participation in school district meetings and activities.

The Board of Education recognizes that those parents and individuals in parental relationships who are hearing impaired must be afforded an opportunity equal to that available to other parents, to participate in their child's educational programs or meetings and activities pertaining to the academic and/or disciplinary aspects of their child's education. Accordingly, the school district will provide a sign language interpreter, or if a sign language interpreter is unavailable, other reasonable accommodations satisfactory to parents or guardians (e.g. note-taker, transcript, decoder, or telecommunication device for the deaf), for hearing-impaired parents for school-initiated academic and/or disciplinary meetings including, but not limited to:

- Parent/teacher conferences
- Child study, Committee On Special Education and/or building level team meetings
- Planning meetings with school counselors regarding educational progress
- Career planning
- Suspension hearings or other disciplinary conferences with school officials

The school district will provide an interpreter for the hearing-impaired parent upon written request submitted to and received by the district five days prior to the scheduled meeting or activity. If a timely request for such services is received these services will be made available at no cost to the parents.

The Superintendent is directed to develop and maintain a list of interpreters, and to develop procedures to notify parents of the availability of interpreter services at no cost to the parent. Such notice shall include the name of the school district official to whom such requests should be made, and a statement that in the event an interpreter is unavailable, the district shall make other reasonable accommodations satisfactory to the parent.

*Great Neck Public Schools*  
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