



## TRUST

TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS: A UNIFIED & SUPPORTIVE TEAM

*A committee of parents, community members, and educators working together to enrich the lives of students with special needs within Burlington Township*

2011 – 2012 General Meetings

Save the Dates!

**Tuesday, October 11, 2011, 7 P.M.,  
Bernice Young School Media/Library**

*Presenter:* Ms. Liz Parnagian, Director of Special Education, Burlington Township School District

*Special Education 101:*  
An overview of special education in the  
Burlington Township School District

- Tuesday, December 06, 2011  
*Special Education Parent Advisory Groups: Realizing Our Purpose*  
Learn how to effectively advise the Board of Education and administration on matters that affect the quality of special education district-wide. SPAN resources will also be discussed.  
**Presenter: Deborah Lynam, Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN)**
- Thursday, February 16, 2012-TBD
- Tuesday, April 03, 2012-TBD

### Potential Topics:

- Improving Literacy Skills of Students with Special Needs
- Parental Involvement in the Individualized Educational Plan (IEP)
- Special Education Law
- Curriculum and Assessment for Students with Special Needs

All meetings will be held at the Bernice Young School Media Center/Library, 7:00 pm

**E-mail us now and let us know of any topics that are of interest to you!**

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### Who We Are

Our group consists of parents with children with special educational needs, school administrators, teachers, and members of the Burlington Township community. In 2004, TRUST was created by parents and administrators to meet the state mandate that each Board of Education have a special education parent advisory group to provide input on issues affecting students with special needs.

Since its inception the group has:

- Provided school administrators feedback on issues concerning students with special needs
- Provided parent workshops in the areas of *Individualized Education Plan (IEP)*, *Special Education Law*, and *Stress Management*
- Organized the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Needs Awareness Walk for over 300 participants
- Granted “Teacher Wishes” and provided school supplies, equipment for therapy, and other items to improve the educational experience of our students
- Recently purchased several iPads for students to use as assistive technology

Did you know there are 674 children classified under the special education spectrum in this school district? That means that we make up a huge cross section of our community. It doesn't take too much effort for such a large group to make a positive impact.

Ways to get involved:

- Become a TRUST officer
- Help with the annual awareness walk
- Offer suggestions for guest speakers
- Become a guest speaker yourself
- Come to TRUST and Board of Education meetings

Benefits:

- When you work more closely with the schools, teachers, and administrators you improve your child's educational experience.
- You will find resources and meet other parents also working towards improving their child's educational and personal lives.
- Your involvement will make the community more aware and accepting of children with special needs.