

Dear Parent,

Hello. My name is (insert) and by appointment of our principal, I am pleased to share that I am a resource parent for parents of students with disabilities at our school. I too am a parent of a student with a disability and would like to share with you my experiences and help provide you with resources available in our school and through the Sharing The Commitment. As a site-based volunteer parent, I am able to serve as the first contact with parents in need and refer them to site-based resources, provide linkage with a Parent Educator Exceptional Resource (PEER) parent, and/or with Collier's Parent Liaison with South Florida Parent Center.

We believe parents and professionals working together provide the best outcomes for children and that informed parents make the best choices for their family. "Sharing The Commitment" is a collaborative advisory to the Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Department in the Collier County Public Schools. The advisory has been created to:

- Foster increased communication, commitment, and shared responsibilities between the school district, parents and community agencies to provide quality programs and services to students with individual educational plans (IEPs);
- Provide a forum for parents with students with disabilities to discuss critical issues and concerns (not student specific) and to provide input for federal grant spending for IDEA Entitlement;
- Serve as a resource for the Director of Exceptional Student Education and school site Principals in matters pertaining to special education programs and services; and
- Provide information and training to school-based administrators, staff and community agencies on the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

The ESE Department, the South Florida Parent Center, and the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System (FDLRS), provide information, training and support to parents, educators, and agencies regarding services and programs for students with disabilities. Sharing The Commitment sponsors workshops or training for parents of students with disabilities. Direct Link to Sharing The Commitment website: <http://www.collierstc.com/index.html>.

To assist you, my contact information follows:

Name: (INSERT FULL NAME)

Phone:

Email:

You may also contact the South Florida Parent Center Parent Liaison for Collier, Mr. Wilbur Hawke, at (239) 417-3636 or via email at wilbur@collierstc.com.

Best Regards,

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