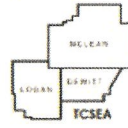


HILIA

Heart of Illinois Low Incidence Association



Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to comply with the Illinois General Assembly amendment of School Code SB0566. This information is to be sent to parents or guardians of students who have met eligibility criteria for visual and/or hearing impairments. The amendment quotes, "If a child is deaf, hard of hearing, blind or visually impaired and he or she might be eligible to receive services from Illinois School for the Deaf or the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired, the school district shall notify the parents or guardian, in writing, of the existence of these schools and the services they provide. This notification shall include without limitation information on school services, school admissions criteria and school contact information."

This letter does not imply that the public school district is recommending your child attend either of these residential placements. Neither does it imply that your student would be automatically approved for an evaluation or consider placement. The Illinois School for the Deaf (ISD) and the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (ISVI) have their own intake committees which review all applications. Only if the committee feels that the student will be able to be served appropriately at ISD or ISVI would an evaluation period be granted. At the close of the evaluation period, the committee reconvenes to decide if placement at the residential facility is either recommended or denied.

For more information, please go to:

Illinois School for the Deaf (www.illinoisdeaf.org)

Illinois School for the Visually Impaired (www.isvi.net)

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Kendall".

Lisa Kendall
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