

## **Public Notice for Child Find**

The Marion School District believes in providing an appropriate education for all children enrolled in the district.

Today, Superintendent David Colberg of the Marion School District is announcing that the district is conducting its annual Special Education and Section 504 "Child Find" search to identify and evaluate children within the district boundaries, under the age 21, who may not be receiving an appropriate education. The district principal(s) and special education staff are the designated contact persons for any individual who would like to refer a child within the boundaries of the school district for additional educational services.

Any person who knows of a child within the district who may be in need of additional educational services or has unmet educational needs may give the child's name to either the building principal(s), Special Education staff, or they may call the school district's administrative office at (605) 648-3615 to make a referral.

After obtaining parental consent, the district will conduct an evaluation of the child's needs, at no cost, and hold a meeting with the child's parents or guardian to discuss appropriate educational planning for the child.

Superintendent David Colberg also stressed that parents or the child's guardians are not expected to diagnose a child's educational needs before they ask for help. The superintendent emphasized it is the philosophy of the school district to ensure that every child, regardless of their disability, have an opportunity to receive an appropriate education.