

# HOLMES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

## Re: Child Find Program for Children with Disabilities

The Holmes County Consolidated School District participates with the Mississippi Department of Education in an ongoing, statewide effort to identify, locate, and evaluate children through age twenty-one (21) who have health impairments, physical, mental, communicative, and/or emotional disabilities. Early identification of children in need of special education services is most important to each child. The information gathered from contacts with parents and other agencies will be used to help determine present and future program needs as progress is made toward the goal of providing a free appropriate public education to all children with a disability.

Holmes County Consolidated School District works with the local Head Start, Human Resource Services, Health and Mental Health Agencies, as well as local education agencies, physicians, and other individuals to identify and locate children out of school and in school who may need special education and/or related services.

Each year, the Office of Special Services serves approximately 300 students with disabilities in thirteen categories as identified by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004). A full continuum of services is offered to students with disabilities, who are eligible under IDEA.

Highly qualified teachers, therapists, and trained support personnel strive to offer the most appropriate programming options for each student based on his/her individual needs. If you feel your child or if you know of a child that is in need of any of the above-mentioned services or evaluation, please contact Mr. Ravi Dutt, Program Specialist for the Holmes County Consolidated School District at (662) 834-2175.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nonya Thrasher, Ed.D." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Nonya Thrasher, Ed.D.  
Director of Special Education