All meetings are open to the public. Families are encouraged to participate

THE 2025--2026 MEETING DATES ARE:

Monday, September 8, 2025 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Monday, October 6, 2025

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Monday, November 3, 2025

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Monday, January 12, 2026

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Monday, March 9, 2026

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Monday, May 4, 2026

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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TO BE ADDED TO THE LTF20 MAILING LIST CONTACT: RHECKMAN@CIU20.0RG

ALL MEETINGS CAN ALSO BE VIEWED AT:

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DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION LOCAL TASK FORCE 20:

- The Local Task Force Parent Monitors work with the Bureau of Special Education Adviser in the monitoring process of LEA's special education programs and provide input and recommendations to the team for compliance of regulations.
- Assist the Administration in carrying out the Right to Education Consent Agreement.
- Assist parents of students with special needs in understanding the laws/regulations that affect their rights and help develop an appropriate education for the student with special needs.
- Refer systemic issues identified locally to the appropriate intermediate unit, LEA, local agency, Bureau of Special Education Advisor, or to the STF chairperson for clarification, recommendation or solution.
- Review recommendations of the State Task Force and advise the Administration of any recommendation which should be adopted or implemented in the CIU 20 area.
- Encourage cooperation with public and private agencies which provide services to school-age children with special needs.
- Identify local needs and problems and develop recommendations for consideration by appropriate agencies.
- Recommend solutions to problems in areas of concern as identified or brought to the attention of the Task Force.
- Advise on the best methods of informing the community about programs of special education.
- Review Intermediate Unit and District Special Education Plans and make recommendations which will help assure that they meet the needs of school-age children with special needs.
- Assist the State Task Force in the collection of data to determine the effectiveness of the Right to Education Consent Agreement.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR EMAIL THE COLONIAL IU20 OFFICE AT:

(610) 252-5550 LTF20@CIU20.ORG

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LOCAL TASK FORCE 20 INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

BANGOR AREA • BETHLEHEM • DELAWARE VALLEY • EASTON AREA
EAST STROUDSBURG AREA • NAZARETH AREA • NORTHAMPTON AREA
PEN ARGYL AREA • PLEASANT VALLEY • POCONO MOUNTAIN
SAUCON VALLEY • STROUDSBURG AREA • WILSON AREA

HISTORY:

The Right To Education Local Task Force system was established in 1972. The PARC Consent Decree guaranteed a free public program of education for all school-aged persons with mental retardation or thought-to-have mental retardation regardless of their intellectual functioning. It provided for the establishment of a local Task Force in each of the 29 Intermediate Units "to ensure that the intent and spirit of the Agreement is carried out throughout the Commonwealth."

YOU SHOULD ATTEND THE LOCAL TASK FORCE 20 IF:

- A Systemic Issue: an issue that affects or has potiential to affect a number of students
- You are a family member supporting a child with a disability
- You are a local public/private service provider
- You are a school district employee
- You have a concern regarding the special education system
- You want to network with family members and professionals
- You want to share information with the special education community

MEMBERSHIP:

The Local Task Force 20 is composed of families of children with special needs (consumers), CIU20 Executive Director or designee, school superintendent or designee, advocates and service providers serving school age children with special needs. According to the Consent Decree, there must be a majority of parents on the committee. Interested families are critical to the membership to keep the Local Task Force effective. Our members are from Northampton, Monroe and Pike Counties.

MISSION:

The Right To Education Local Task Force 20 serves as a resource for children with all disabilities and their families in 13 school districts in Monroe, Northampton, and parts of Pike County. The following districts are included along with Consumer Representative.

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