

# LTF IU 19

Back to School is upon us and as it may look different this year for most, we will still be learning and growing! The Right to Education Task Force will continue its mission to offer support to all special education students and their families from all IU 19 Schools in Lackawanna, Wayne and Susquehanna counties.

The dates have been finalized for the 2020-21 Local Right to Education Task Force IU 19 meetings. All meetings are Tuesdays. We will have 2 evening meetings at 6 pm and the remaining meetings will be at 9:30 am.

- October 20th 6 pm
- November 17th 9:30 am
- February 9th 9:30 am
- March 16th 6 pm
- April 13th 9:30 am
- May 11th 9:30 am

Our 1st meeting will be on Tuesday October 20th at 6 pm. We are hoping to have the meeting in person at The Center for Independent Living Transitional Skills Center . All social distancing and safety precautions will be taken. We are also working on a video tour of the CIL for those who would like to participate virtually. This is a great opportunity to see all that the CIL offers for transition age students.

We are finalizing our speakers, but please note we will have a presenter at every meeting. If you have a suggestion for a topic/presenter please let us know.

Historically our March Meeting is an IEP workshop, and we plan for that to continue.

All of our meetings this year will be available via Zoom and you can register for attendance by contacting [rpolishan@thearcnepa.org](mailto:rpolishan@thearcnepa.org) for the link.

You can always check out our Facebook Page for updates and educational information:

Search for " Right To Education Local Task Force 19"

We ask you to please share, post, forward and help us get the word out. We all could use some support during the upcoming school year!!

Please reach out at any time with questions to our dedicated team:

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Let us all do our best to be positive and make the best of the circumstances, while still ensuring the rights to special education are followed.

## *Dedicated to the needs of our children.*



LTF # 19 is dedicated to work cooperatively

and creatively with school districts. LTF

#19 will work with you to ensure:

- ◆ Proper Identification and Evaluation
- ◆ Individualized Education Plans (IEP)
- ◆ Least Restrictive Environments (LRE)
- ◆ Inclusive Practices
- ◆ Specialty Designed Supports/Services
- ◆ Extended School Year (ESY)
- ◆ Positive Behavior Support Plans
- ◆ Transition Planning
- ◆ Training Information and Resources
- ◆ AND MORE . . .

## NEIU 19 Member School Districts

Abington Heights \* Blue Ridge \* Carbondate Area  
 Dunmore \* Elk Lake Forest City Regional \*  
 Lackawanna Trail \* Lakeland \* Mid Valley  
 Montrose Area \* Mountain View \* North Pocono  
 Old Forge \* Riverside \* Scranton \* Susquehanna  
 Community \* Valley View \* Wallenpaupack Area  
 Wayne Highlands \* Western Wayne



## Right to Education Local Task Force #19

### Leadership Team

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**Serving the member school districts of the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit 19 (NEIU 19)**

## History of the Right to Education Local Task Force #19



The Local Task Force System was established in 1972 as part of the Consent Decree between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and what is now known as the The Arc of PA. In 1977, the focus was expanded to include all students with disabilities which includes children that were in need of the following: autistic support, emotional support, learning disabilities support, life skills support, and multiple disabilities support along with therapies to include occupational, physical, speech/language, hearing, vision, and orientation and mobility therapies.

### Primary Purpose

The primary purpose of the Right to Education Local Task Force # 19 (LTF #19) is to make recommendations that assist in improving, expanding, and monitoring programs and services for children eligible for special education supports and services.

LTF #19 includes family members, educators, providers, and professional representation from the The Arc-NEPA, NEIU, and Lackawanna and Susquehanna County administrators. Together this group works to plan opportunities that ensure that all eligible children receive and individualized, free and appropriate public education (FAPE).



*"It is not enough to have a mission, we must believe it and we must work together to make it real."*

### Membership

LTF #19 invites all parents and guardians of students with disabilities to attend monthly meetings and/or become a member.

Meetings will begin with introductions, provider reports, State Task Force update, and a presentation on a relevant topic in special education.

Following the meeting, there will be an opportunity to network with parents, providers, professionals, educators, and advocates.

### 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule

*"NEW THIS YEAR: Virtual Meetings via ZOOM"*

10/20/20 -6:00 pm @ The CIL – Transitional Skills Center

11/17/2020- 9:30 am

2/9/21- 9:30 am

3/16/21- 6:00 pm

4/13/21- 9:30 am

5/11/21 9:30 am