Our Mission

Local Task Force 5 is committed to empowering families, individuals, school systems and local agencies to better support students with disabilities through meaningful collaboration and shared resources.

Meeting Information

Local Task Force meetings are open to the public. Anyone who wishes to attend is welcome.

For meeting dates, times and locations please see the Local Task Force information on the IU5 website.

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Right to Education Local Task Force (LTF5)

The Right to Education in Pennsylvania

The Right to Education Consent Agreement of 1972 provided for the establishment of a Local Task Force (LTF) in each of Pennsylvania's 29 Intermediate Unit regions to ensure that the intent & spirit of the agreement is carried out throughout the Commonwealth.

The state of Pennsylvania agreed to provide a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) for all children with disabilities & the decree established the standard that each child must be offered an Individualized Education Program (IEP) in the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) while promoting inclusion.

Goals of the Local Task Force

- **Encourage** positive collaboration & communication between families, school districts, and community partners.
- **Identify** systemic needs or problems and forward them to the State Task Force.
- **Provide** information and resources relevant to students with special needs.
- **Respond** to concerns affecting the special needs community and provide recommendations to help resolve the issues.
- **Serve** in an advisory and advocacy role to protect the rights of students with disabilities.

Membership

LTF5 invites all parents and caregivers of students with disabilities to attend meetings and/or become members. Membership is easy.

To become a member:

- Attend two LTF meetings in the current school year
- Request to become a member by completing the online form linked in the QR code below.

There is no cost to attend meetings or become a member of the LTF.