



## Project Connect: Parent Information

### School-Age Child's Educational Rights:

- A child who is five years old on or before September 30<sup>th</sup> needs to go to kindergarten.
- Your child has a right to a free public education.
- Your school-aged child has a right to receive transportation to school just like the other students.
- Your child can begin school even if he/she does not have: a birth certificate, immunization records, or school transcripts.
- Your child can go to the school he/she last went to, or to the school in the new area where you are living.
- Your child can receive the same programs and services that the other children receive.

### Questions that Parents Can Ask:

- Is transportation available so my child can stay in the same school?
- If we have to change schools, can someone help us transfer records?
- Is there a preschool program?
- Is there a summer program?
- Are there any tutoring services available?
- If my child needs special education services, how long is the wait for testing?
- Are there any special classes to benefit a talent my child has?
- Are there sports, music or other activities that my child can be a part of?
- Can my child receive free meals at school?
- Are school supplies available?
- Will my child be able to go on field trips even if we cannot pay?

### How Parents Can Help:

- Make sure your child goes to school everyday.
- Read to your child.
- Make education a family priority.
- Help your child develop good study and work habits.
- Meet your child's teacher.
- Show and tell your child that you love him/her.
- If you move, let the school know. Your child might want to say goodbye to friends and teachers.