

Dear Gaskin Plaintiff:

Congratulations on a job well done. Judge Robreno's May 3, 2005 provisional approval of the Gaskin settlement is one step closer to resolving ten years of litigation. As a class representative, you spoke for thousands of families in the Commonwealth giving heart-rendering and compelling recitations of your experiences. Now it is time to help the members of the class understand what the Settlement Agreement is all about. I have worked with several of the organizational plaintiffs to start the ball rolling.

The Gaskin plaintiffs will host a series of Town Hall meetings throughout Pennsylvania to explain the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement. Dr. Linda Rhen, newly-appointed Director of the Bureau of Special Education, will participate with the plaintiffs in these Town Hall discussions to provide information to advocates and families of students with disabilities. Families and advocates get to ask questions about the Agreement.

As a plaintiff, we would like you to be involved in this process. The following are the sessions that are currently planned. Indicate how you will participate in any of the sessions. You also have a flyer announcing the sessions. We ask that you distribute these throughout your community through your network and/or your organization's network.

### How you can help.

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| Register Participants (in advance) –   | have them call you or send you a confirming email  |
| Register Attendees (at the Town Hall) –  | we will have registration sheets that you will distribute, collect and send to Pilcop after the meeting. |
| Public Service Announcements   | Prepare PSA's and get them out to the local media  |
| Panel Presentation   | Be a part of the presenting panel by discussing a specific area of the Settlement Agreement              |
| Organize the June 15 session by securing a space and circulating information about the session |  |

## Town Hall Meetings – Schedule

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Location and Facilitator</b>	<b>What you will do</b>
<u>May 18</u> 9:30 to 11:30 AM	Lehigh Valley Robyn Oplinger, Arc of Lehigh County IU21 (Carbon-Lehigh) 4850 W. Mountain View Drive Walnutport, PA.	
<u>May 26</u> 5:30 to 7:30 pm	TBA	
<u>May 27</u> 10 to noon	Philadelphia Pat Amos, ASAP Mellon Independence Center 701 market Street, 5th floor	
<u>June 6</u> 10 to noon	Harrisburg PaTTAN's offices – the Lebannon Room Kathy Brill of PA Tash	
<u>June 13</u> 10 to noon	Pittsburgh Liz Healey, PP & A Achieva Offices at 711 Bingham Street Pittsburgh, PA	
<u>June 13</u> 6 to 8 PM	Pittsburgh Bev Evans, Ph.D., Duquesne University Westmoreland IU7 – Donahue Road Greensburg, PA	
<u>June 15</u> AM	Harrisburg/State College Undetermined and Tentative	

Please send me an email or Call Latrice Brooks (215-627-7100 at ext. 232) to let us know what role you want to play to make this work as soon as possible.