



# IRVINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Special Services Department

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Irvington Public Schools in collaboration with the Irvington Police Department will be implementing a registration/tracking program called "Take Me Home" to aid in the return of a child that has bolted, wandered or just walked off from a location within the Township. There is no greater loss than that of a loved one and time is of the essence in their safe return. There are many students within our district that suffer from Autism and other disabilities. These disorders may contribute to them walking away from their home, school, care giver or institution.

Through the "Take Me Home" program the information that you supply will aid in an investigation undertaken by the Irvington Police Department to reunite you with your loved ones. This program is strictly voluntary and not limited by age or disability.

The attached registration form can be completed at your convenience and returned with a recent photograph so that we can upload the information on the police department's secure server. The information will be only available to members of the Irvington Police Department. The Special Services Department will collect all information and submit it to the Police Department. Therefore, you can complete the registration and email it to me at [pdowd@irvington.k12.nj.us](mailto:pdowd@irvington.k12.nj.us) with an attached picture, drop it off at the Special Services Department, Florence Avenue School, 1324 Springfield Avenue, Irvington, or contact my secretary, Ms. Allen, at 973-399-6800 Extension 1920 and arrange to have it picked up. Should you have any questions you can also utilize the email address or contact your child's Case Manager.

We hope that we will never need this information that you have supplied us, but supplying it will add an additional safety factor for your child. If there is ever a report that your child is missing time is of the essence so the sooner we get the information to the investigating officers, the faster the investigation can begin.

Sincerely,

Patricia Dowd  
Director of Special Services