

## Goals of the LTF

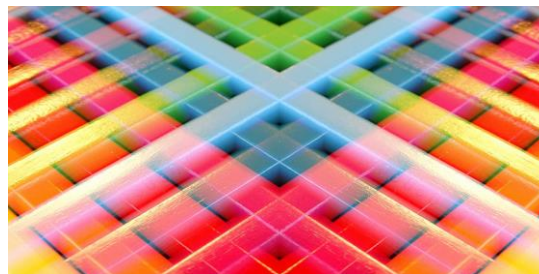
1. **To advocate** for the improvement, strengthening and expansion of educational programs for students with disabilities.
2. **To foster collaboration and communication** among parents, schools and community providers.
3. **To assist families of school-age students with special needs** by providing information and support to help with navigating the special education landscape, including laws and regulations that affect their rights to special education.
4. **To educate the community** at large about the needs of students with disabilities.
5. **To identify local needs and challenges** based on feedback from LTF members then communicate these to local LTF contacts and to the State Task Force.
6. **To assist** in carrying out the rules and regulations growing out of the Right to Education Consent Agreement.

### IU8 Member School Districts

- Altoona • Bedford • Bellwood Antis
- Berlin-Brothersvalley • Blacklick Valley
- Cambria Heights • Central Cambria
- Chestnut Ridge • Claysburg-Kimmel
- Conemaugh Township
- Conemaugh Valley • Everett
- Ferndale Area • Forest Hills
- Greater Johnstown • Hollidaysburg
- Meyersdale • North Star
- Northern Bedford • Northern Cambria
- Penn Cambria • Portage Area
- Richland • Rockwood
- Salisbury- Elk Lick • Shade-Central City
- Shanksville-Stonycreek • Somerset
- Spring Cove • Turkeyfoot Valley
- Tussey Mountain • Tyrone
- Westmont Hilltop • Williamsburg
- Windber

### IU8 Member Charter & Cyber Schools

- Central PA Digital Learning Foundation (CPDLF)
- Hope for Hyndman Charter



# Local Right to Education Task Force

Assisting and Supporting Parents  
and  
Advocating for Children



School Year 2020 - 2021



## History of the Local Task Force (LTF)

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

Although the initial intent of the LTF was to represent the needs and interests of students with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families, today's LTF has expanded its efforts to include all students with disabilities.

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Local Task Force on the Right to Education – IU8

## Membership of the LTF

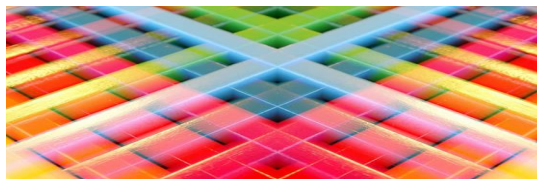
The LTF is required to have 51 percent parent membership. Other members of the LTF include representatives from Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8, an educational service provider for Bedford, Blair, Cambria, and Somerset Counties; school district representatives and regional special education service agencies.

Parent(s) of a student having a disability are invited to become a member of the LTF.

Membership is easy. To become a member of the LTF: (1) attend two LTF meetings in SY 2020-2021 and (2) request to become a member.

There is never a cost to attend or to become a member of the LTF.

Any parent, local school district representative or community provider serving individuals with disabilities are welcomed, encouraged to attend and to become a member of the LTF.



## Meetings

LTF meetings are the first Wednesday of each month, September through May. All meetings run from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, with the exceptions of November and April.

Meeting schedule for 2020-2021:

- September 2, 2020
- October 7, 2020
- November 4, 2020 - **Evening meeting, 5:30 PM–7:30 PM**
- December 2, 2020
- January 6, 2021
- February 3, 2021
- March 10, 2021
- April 7, 2021- **Evening meeting, 5:30 PM-7:30 PM**
- May 5, 2021 (Election Meeting)

## Location of All LTF Meetings

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