## Are you interested in becoming an Educational Surrogate?

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education would like volunteers who would be interested in becoming an educational surrogate for students with disabilities. You would fill in as the role of parent for students who have no one to make educational decisions for them.

Parents of children with disabilities are important members of a decision-making team. IDEA requires that States train and provide educational surrogates to fill the role of parent under certain circumstances.

If you are 18 years or older and have no conflict of interest concerning the child's education, you may serve as an educational surrogate. A criminal check and child abuse and neglect check are requried. Training is required through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Also, an educational surrogate may not be an employee of a public agency providing care, custody or educational services to the specific child in need of surrogate representation.

If you are interested, contact Dr. Matt Britt, Superintendent at 573-238-2211.