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SUBJECT: **EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION CONFERENCE**

The Lee County Public Schools' Exceptional Student Education Advisory Committee is inviting teachers, community stakeholders and parents of children receiving Special Education and/or Gifted Services to an informative and fun conference. The event, *Striving for Success: Strategies for Students*, will provide the opportunity for parents and professionals to network with others and learn about a variety of topics including teaching social skills, reading, transitions, self-determination, conflict resolution, Positive Behavioral Supports, and gifted education. Childcare will be provided for those attending.

The event is scheduled from **9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday, November 14th at South Fort Myers High School, 14020 Plantation Road, Fort Myers.**

A panel presentation by parent leaders will assist families in ways to persevere in the face of the many challenges that can come with raising a child with special needs. This conference embodies the spirit of the Advisory Committee through collaboration, commitment, and celebration of all kinds of learners.

A special presentation of "Sibshops" will be presented by Diana Bledsoe, a school psychologist. She will target the unique needs and concerns of typically developing siblings of children with special needs through activities and small group sharing.

Parents **must pre-register** (before the day of the event) if they wish to participate in the available child care or in attending the "Sibshops" presentation. Those needing to pre-register should call Donna Djerf at 239-337-8621 or Jennifer Hamilton-Smith at 239-337-8162.

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