

September 5, 2023

Towne Families,

I hope you and your child are well. I am reaching out regarding a change made to Special Education law that directly impacts your child. You may have recently received a letter in the mail outlining the change. In the last few days, the Bureau of Special Education in Pennsylvania announced a change to the length of time a student with a disability can remain enrolled in school and receive a free and appropriate education (FAPE).

Previous law stated a student who turned 21 years of age during a school year, would finish that school year and then no longer be eligible for services. The updated law states a student with a disability shall remain eligible for FAPE until the day prior to their 22nd birthday. Your child is eligible to re-enroll in Franklin Towne Charter High School until the day prior to their 22nd birthday. If you are interested in your child returning to the vocation program at FTCHS, please respond to this e-mail by September 12, 2023.

You can obtain additional information:

[IDEAB FAQ \(pa.gov\)](https://www.pa.gov/ideab/faq)

Thank you for your time,

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