2460_____ EDUCATIONAL SURROGATE PARENTS OF DISABLED STUDENTS

Plymouth Community School Corporation shall ensure that a pool of educational surrogate parents is trained and available so that an educational surrogate parent may be appointed, when necessary, to protect the rights of students with disabilities. An educational surrogate parent shall be appointed when the student's parent(s) as defined in 511 IAC 7-32-70 cannot be identified, when, after reasonable efforts, the student's parent(s) cannot be located, when the student is a homeless student as defined in 511 IAC 7-32-46 who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, or when the student is a ward of the state under the laws of the state, unless as follows:

(A) The court order creating the wardship: (i) permits the student to remain in the home; or (ii) expressly reserves to a parent the authority to make decisions regarding the student's education or upbringing.

(B) The student is a ward of the department of correction who has a parent as defined by 511 IAC 7-32-70.

The educational surrogate parent may represent the student in all matters relating to the identification, evaluation, educational placement, and provision of a free appropriate public education.

Any person assigned as an educational surrogate parent shall not be an employee of a public or private agency involved in the education or care of the student or have any interest that conflicts with the student. The educational surrogate parent shall match the student's cultural and linguistic background to the extent possible and shall possess the knowledge and skills necessary to adequately represent the student.

Upon determination that a student is in need of a surrogate parent, the Superintendent or his/her appointee shall, within thirty (30) days, appoint a surrogate parent who will be sent a formal letter of appointment. A copy of the appointment shall be placed in the student's permanent records.

20 U.S.C. 1415(b)(1)(B)
511 IAC 7-39-1
511 IAC 7-32-46
511 IAC 7-32-70