



The District Family Engagement Liaisons are new positions for the School District of Menomonee Falls. We are trained by the Wisconsin Statewide Parent Educator Initiative (WSPEI) to support positive communication between the school district and families of children with disabilities. We hope to work with parents and school staff to support your child's success in the classroom. Here are some of the ways we can support you:

- Mentor families who are new to special education through the referral, evaluation, and IEP process
- Answer questions families have about how to participate in their child's education and IEP process
- Offer mentoring and coaching to help resolve conflicts between families and the IEP team
- Share information and resources with families and the school community
- Refer students and families to CESA family engagement coordinators and DPI contacts for further support
- Support families and educators in building and maintaining positive communication to improve student outcomes
- District Family Engagement Liaisons DO NOT attend IEP meetings with families. We can offer mentoring before or after IEP meetings. We maintain confidentiality with students, parents, and educators.

*Hello!*

My name is Jenny Stahl. I am one of the District Family Engagement Liaisons for the School District of Menomonee Falls.

I am married with two children in the district. My son Isaac has been in the district's special program for 7 years. I have learned navigating through the process of IEPs or 504 plans can be confusing and exhausting. I know how overwhelming the IEP meetings can be, "What do I ask, who do I contact"? I know what it is like to get heartbreaking emails and phone calls about your child's rough day at school. As a parent or guardian of a special needs child know you are not alone.

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My name is Laura Wittlin. I am one of the Family Engagement Liaisons for the Menomonee Falls School District.

I am the mother of three children. My son Eddie has had an IEP since starting kindergarten at Ben Franklin Elementary. Entering the school system and going through evaluations, we had a lot of questions about the IEP process. My husband and I wanted to be sure we had all the information we needed to best advocate for our child's needs. There are so many different resources and people involved in the process. It can feel stressful and confusing. I may not have all the answers, but I know where to go and how to find out for you! I am here to listen, help you find needed resources, and support your relationships with your child's teachers and IEP team. I look forward to connecting with families in the district.

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